

August, 1936 (P)

Dear Dr. Moffett:—

[unclear letter]

We are starting our daily prayer meetings at Dr. Snallin's again at 5 o'clock. I know you will be glad although you can not attend.

$7\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ (Dr. Sharp's man who has done such faithful ^{work} for Dr. Sharp in the past) gave you back \$5 you out of the \$50 when he found out it was \$5 less than he thought it would cost to put his sons in Day Oil. So he has very likely paid up each month. The other tract is from $7\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ in Dr. Bemberel's territory. ^{Whangha Co.} The sum was \$25 that he borrowed.

Add just what is returned and if either failed (or both) I will give you the remainder of the total \$75. At the end of the year or in 6 months I will pay you what is left. So it doesn't matter if you did miss the note since it depends on them personally to pay back. Sincerely, Catherine McClure

SAMUEL A. MOFFETT
PRESBYTERIAN (U. S. A.) MISSION

Pyeongyang Korea
Sept. 11, 1936.

Dear Howard:

Yesterday the Treas. sent you a draft on U.S.A.
for \$1,000. Acknowledge this as soon as you receive the
This is for Emergency and should be placed on your Savings
account and be held for future use. Checks to be sent out
in a few days! This is so that you will have some
reserves - whatever may be.

Miss Jones is ~~with~~ awaited.
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to you both.

Affectionately

to out of the woods but
well.

Samuel A. Moffett.

September 13, 1936.

Dear Lucia,-

This is Sunday and this is to be the beginning of a letter for I do not want to complete it until I know that Sam and Howard are back in Wheaton. Following Sam's visit, a few weeks later came Howard. I had begun to wonder what had become of him when one Wednesday night, after we had gone to bed, but not to sleep, the bell rang and there he stood at about eleven P.M. He got into St. Paul around nine and came over by street car. How he ever found his way, I cannot imagine but he came just as he should, over the Selby-Lake line.

He was with us only until Friday morning. It was a new experience to have one leave our home on a hitch-hiking tour. I did not feel happy to see him carry his heavy baggage to the street car and make his way to the end of the Robbinsdale line to pick up a car on its way to North Dakota. How he has not been able to drive his car since last fall. He will probably never drive his own car again, and it makes me very helpless. Howard told me he had to be in Wheaton on the 15th and I am expecting to see or hear from the boys any hour. Early in the week I wrote to Charles asking him if possible to let me know when we might see them in Minneapolis, but have not heard from him. I understand fully that their method of travel is rather uncertain and difficult to predict.

This letter will have to begin all over again. Here it is the 27th and I have had no word from Charles though I wrote the second time. My envelopes all carry my address and so should come back to me if I make a mistake in the address. I certainly understood Howard to say he must be back in Wheaton on the 15th. I think I shall have to write to the college to find out how they got back to Chicago without coming through Minneapolis.

October 1st.

The very next morning after I wrote the above there came the letter from Charles that you will find enclosed. I meant to finish

We are going into a lower duplex. We shall have built as we said this house

ish this and send it off in the next mail but you will excuse me when I tell you that we have been rather upset making a decision to seek a new home and to sell this house. When I write you next, We expect to be living on Groveland Ave. and I think the number will be 122.

Neither Howe nor I ought to be going up and down stairs as is necessary in a two story house. Then too we want to be nearer the rest of our family. Howe is very much broken by the experiences of the past year and when it was all over, I myself went to pieces and am only half myself.

It is a very beautiful day and I spent the morning at the fall Presbyterial Rally. That reminds me that on September 15th Mr. and Mrs. Chamness sailed for Korea. Unless their plans were changed, Mrs. Mitchel went with them. I hope she will write to me very soon.

Thank you for every word that reaches me from Korea.

With much love to you all,

Cousin Emma

(copy)

Chungju, Sept. 14, '36

My Dear Dr. Moffett: I am full of self reproach because I have not some months ago written you a letter after hearing of your illness. I know no ~~man~~ in Korea whom I have admired and loved as I have admired and loved you for many years. Your spirit your vision your fine voice and your universal good cheer has heartened me many a time. It has been a joy and comfort to me that you have continued to give your splendid talents to the Korean Church since you have reached the retirement age.

In our Presbyterian Council you were affectionately remembered the other day and a message of love was heartily adopted and sent on to you companion in service and I am sure many prayers went up to our loving Father in heaven for your recovery and restoration to health.

Mrs. McCutchen joins me in praise to God for the good degree of

Recovery you have enjoyed even in the heated season. Our confident hope is that the cooler Fall weather which we all expect soon will with the blessing of God do wondrous for you physically and in every way. I am enjoying a fair degree of health now and am expecting to do my regular ^{work} right along now. With cordial greetings to Mrs. Moffett and affectionate love to you with whom I have touched elbows so frequently during ^{many} years in Seminary, Presbyterian Council and General Assembly & Station

Your Friend
(signed) L. O. McButchen

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"Into All the World"

ABOUT fifty hymns in the new hymnal of the Church of Christ in China are original Chinese hymns.

THE Disciples Church has mapped out a five-point program for recovery and advance. The denomination also plans to observe its centennial in 1939.

THE Mail Chinbo Daily, a Korean paper, which gets subsidy from the Government, devotes the whole front page to religion from time to time.

THIRTY peace groups in the United States have formed a National Council. Funds for its support have been secured from the Carnegie endowment for international peace.

A CHURCH-ATTENDANCE campaign has been conducted by the ministers of Cambridge, Ohio. Every family was given an attendance card on which a record of the attendance was kept. These cards were returned at Easter.

A CONFERENCE on Christian literature held in Shanghai, China, was unique for it brought face to face for the first time about all the literature agencies. Fifteen agencies were represented, forty per cent of the representatives being Chinese.

IN PLANNING for the centennial of its work in 1937, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. is conducting a competition for a hymn of definite and inspiring missionary character, calling the Church to larger things in the future.

WITH the hope of offsetting some of the effects of liquor advertising, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the State of New York initiated an advertising campaign. A four-column advertisement was run in twenty-five newspapers.

DURING the past twenty years one in six of the graduates of Park College, a Presbyterian school at Parkville, Missouri, have entered the ministry or mission field or Y. M. C. A. service or have married men engaged in such work.

DURING the past year, Sheikh Metry S. Dewairy, of the World's Sunday School Association, has continued his remarkable street Sunday Schools as well as other agencies for Christian teaching. The fellowship with the Coptic Church has made possible increased enrollment of the Sunday Schools within that ancient Church.

FOUR nationalities participated in the revised Ponape New Testament and

Psalms, a publication of the American Bible Society. It was translated by Germans, printed in England, financed by Americans, and distributed by Japanese. The Ponapians, inhabitants of Ponape, the largest of the Caroline Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, are using it.

True to His Conscience

AT THE opening of the annual meeting of the principals of middle schools of the province in the government building in Pyengyang on November 14, 1935, Dr. G. S. McCune, president of Union Christian College and also principal of the Presbyterian Boys' Academy at Pyengyang, Chosen (Korea), and four others refused to obey the governor's request to worship at the State Shinto Shrine.

On the return of the principals from the shrine, these five who did not join the worshippers were ordered to go to the governor's office. There they were given a direct command: "Go with the chief inspector and do obeisance at the shrine. This is a last chance." If they refused they were severely threatened that serious consequences would follow. "Being Christians, and having strong convictions

This Week's Scripture Text

Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen. For therein the elders had witness borne to them. By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear. —Heb. 11:1-3.

that going would be a serious compromise of conscience, we refused to go," Dr. McCune writes.

On December 31, the educational director read a warning from the government general of Chosen to Dr. McCune. This official pointed out the reason for asking Christian missionaries, who are in addition principals of schools, to do obeisance at the shrines. After saying that the constitution of Chosen assures freedom of belief and that the government general had no intention of attempting to interfere with the propagation of Christianity or with the religious faith of the Christian adherents, he reminded Dr. McCune that it was necessary to venerate the illustrious dead in

places specially dedicated to their memory. "Reverence and respect for ancestors are essential to our national moral virtues," were words of the warning. Not only must principals worship at the shrines, but also teachers and pupils.

Demands were made which had never been insisted on before; that the teachers and students of all the schools of the Northern Presbyterian Mission must go out and make obeisance at the State Shrines and that the missionaries who are principals of the schools must go also and make obeisance at the shrines. In conclusion the warning was made:

"Dr. McCune, the principal of the Presbyterian Boys' Academy (and president of the Union Christian College of Korea), who is directly responsible for this affair at Heijo (Pyengyang), should now understand the intentions of the authorities in view of his responsibility as principal of the school, and should change his attitude promptly, make obeisance at the Jinja (shrine) himself, and clearly state his intention to cause his students to make obeisance at the Jinja. Otherwise the solution of the affair will be prolonged in vain. It will badly affect the national education and also may disturb the peaceful religious life of the Christian people in general.

"Therefore if Dr. McCune does not understand his responsibility as school principal and does not go himself to make obeisance at the Jinja and does not make clear his intention to do this, the authorities will be obliged to take the necessary measures, which fact I now make clear to you."

In reply to a later request, on January 16, 1936, of the governor in Pyengyang, Dr. McCune wrote in his final answer: "I am a Christian and the government statements have failed to meet and remove my conscientious objections to the act of doing obeisance at the shrine. I greatly regret the necessity of informing your Excellency that (1) because these ceremonies held at shrines dedicated as they are and conducted as they are, seem to me to contain definite religious significance; (2) because large portions of the populace believe that spirits are actually worshipped there; (3) because Christians believe ancestor worship as distinguished from filial piety, is a sin against God and (4) because I also believe such to be forbidden to Christians by the Word of God (the Bible), I am therefore as an individual unable conscientiously to perform the act which you have required of me as a school principal."

After this answer Dr. McCune was deposed from the presidency of the Union Christian College of Korea and the principalship of the Boys' Academy, and was not free until March 3. "We believe we were actually saved from death through . . . intercession on our behalf," says Dr. McCune.

Booth Tarkington, creator of "Penrod," "Seventeen," "Little Orvie," and nearly forty other books, tells readers of FORWARD of



Underwood and Underwood

WHEN I was a boy in Indianapolis I had an acquaintance who was my bitter enemy during the week—I thought he was. It was my ambition to fight him. But he was bigger than I. I knew I must get greater skill. So how many hours I spent in the stable, with the punching bag, always upheld by my idea of beating him in a fair fight! But somehow when I was able I didn't want to any more. For that boy and I were the best of friends every time we had a party, as well as one day in every week. That day was Sunday, when we went to the Sunday School of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. We'd go together. And what a good time we had there!"

Thus Booth Tarkington, the famous author of "Penrod" and "Seventeen," as well as of thirty-six other books, twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize for literature, told, with a smile, one of the chief memories of his boyhood.

"We had a wonderful teacher," he continued. "She was beautiful, too, and it was good to look at her as she talked to us. But that was not the only reason we liked to go to Sunday School. Somehow she gave us the idea that we were a very unusual set of boys. We had a no-

tion that she was fooling herself, and that she knew it. But she made us like to go. I'll always remember those Sundays at the Fourth Presbyterian school, and, later, at the school of the First Presbyterian Church. And the class parties at her home! Then her wedding, when we were all present! She had a wonderful influence on my life, that Sunday School teacher. With all that teaching I ought to have known better than to act as I did when I went to Phillips Exeter Academy. There I thought it was smart to be an atheist. Later I decided I was an agnostic. How big that sounded! But when I went to Princeton University all that was knocked out of me. Dr. Francis Landey Patton was responsible. How could a student listen to his lectures on Theism without realizing what a fool a fellow makes of himself by imagining that this world and we who are in it are not in the hands of a God we can't escape, and don't want to escape? Calderwood's Ethics, too! The things Dr. Patton taught us were unanswerable.

"I did a bit of writing while I was at Exeter. But my attempts were turned down by the school monthly. There was some appreciation, though, of my crude drawings, which were caricatures. Well I remember the day when one such caricature brought down on me the enmity of one of the professors. One of the fellows dared me to draw a cartoon of this

Forty Years in an Author's Life

and of his ideas of some things that make life worth while. These facts were given in an interview with

JOHN T. FARIS

teacher on the blackboard, while we were working for him in the classroom. After I had made an outrageous picture, I called to the boy who had inspired me. He didn't answer; he had disappeared. But there stood in his place a very irate teacher who thundered: 'Very good, Mr. Tarkington! Now will you kindly erase it before the class arrives!'

"As a boy at home I had done a good deal of drawing of sorts. A dozen years ago when we moved from the old house to the place where we are sitting this afternoon, we tore the paper from the walls of a room I had occupied. What a collection of crude drawings there was hidden away!

"At Princeton I thought I might become an artist. I did a lot of cartoons for The Princeton Tiger. They were pretty poor stuff, but I would be more ashamed to have anything of mine appear to-day in that publication, or in the Harvard Lampoon, or in Ballyhoo. Those publications are so full of filth that they turn a fellow's stomach.

"When a boy I did some bits of very crude writing. But none were printed. In fact, my first printed story appeared in 1891, in my sophomore year, in the Nassau Lit. It was called 'The Better Man.' And they gave me a prize of \$15 for it! Out of this story grew, later, my first book.

"When I left college I tried to write. Story after story was sent to New York City—only to come back. I think I tried about every magazine there. But the editors seemed to have the idea that my stuff was no good. Probably they were right. I thought, many times, that they

All in a Mounty's Day

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no trouble identifying his crisp, impatient words. Lynn was glad to know the time. Tony would have got a car by now and be on his way. He ought to arrive in a little over an hour, driving as he would.

"I'll go up to the house and see if he's there, shall I?" said a familiar voice.

"You stay here, Solly," Steleson said. Lynn was surprised. So Solly was another tool of this hypocrite!

"I can't trust you out of my sight," Steleson continued. "You haven't the brains you had when your mother bore you. Why can't you appear to make friends with these Mounties instead of irritating them? Didn't you ever hear about catching flies with honey instead of vinegar?"

"Yes, sir," Solly's sullen voice replied. "But jest what kind of honey can a fellow feed them yaller legs? They don't take much to sweets from the guys they're after."

"They're human, Solly. Play along with them. Flatter them. Make them think they're great fellows. I'm trying it on this Myers. I'll have him out of the country in a week."

"That'll be good, Boss," Solly said. "He's dangerous, that kid."

"He's a nuisance, anyhow," Steleson went on. "I don't like him. He's too keen to suit me, and you can't scare him. I guess you found that out."

"I sure did. When he got up in that barber chair, Boss, I was dumfounded. I was the scared one. I was afraid I'd cut him by accident and the crowd would've jumped me."

"You haven't got what it takes," Steleson snapped, and Lynn heard the contempt in his voice. Solly didn't reply. The men walked up and down for a while. Then Lynn felt his cover rock. Solly had sat down on it.

"Don't sit on that boat, you galoot!" snapped Steleson. Voices saved Solly from Steleson's temper. "So here you are, Slippy," Steleson said. "It's nearly nine o'clock."

"It's no fault of ours," Slippy said. "We was here on time. Where were you?"

"We thought you wanted us to the house," Nooch offered apologetically.

"Have you brought the chart?" Steleson asked.

"It's in the cabin," came Partridge's voice. "Please, sir, did that Mounted Police constable stop in to see you?"

"What constable?" Steleson asked.

"Name of Myers, I believe. Slippy picked him up at the Cove Café, wanting a ride to his boat. Slippy wanting it, that is, and he was asking for gas and Slippy thought he might've got up to your place."

"What was Myers doing here to-day?"

Steleson asked. "He told me nothing about it, and I was talking to him this noon at Keg Bay. Does he smell a rat, Slippy?"

"He's no smellier, Boss," Slippy said. "He didn't even know me when he seen me."

"Well, you haven't got your name on the postage stamps yet, Slippy," Steleson retorted sarcastically. "Why didn't you send him on up the coast, put him on a false trail, anything?" Steleson's voice was rising. "You men have no imagination."

"We can take care of him," Slippy growled. "It'll be just too bad for him, if he turns up around the doings to-night. We won't stand for any accidents to-night—unless they happen to him, see?"

"Yeh, Boss," Solly joined in. "Maybe it'd be a good night for an accident to him—in the dark, like."

Lynn heard the others laughing in their throats.

"An accident to that puppy'd be a lot cheaper than sending him to Quebec, Boss," Slippy said.

"I don't want an accident," Steleson said. "Not if it can be helped."

Lynn's ear caught his cold, businesslike tone and knew that there would be small mercy for anyone who interfered with this body of men.

Now, your instructions," Steleson said. "Slippy, you'll take your dory and Solly, and deliver the chart to Captain Grymes. Nooch and Partridge, you'll take the dory there and wait at the Narrows."

"This one, Boss?" Nooch asked, shaking the cover over Lynn's head.

"Do you see any other?" Steleson asked cuttingly.

"Ketch ahold of it with me, Partridge," Nooch said, "and we'll lay her in the water."

Again the dory wobbled and Lynn, on the cold floor, felt a chill invade him as some one started to lift the bow. In an instant—

"Wait a minute," Steleson said. "Slippy, did you bring the invoices?"

"No, Boss, I must've forgot them," said Slippy, losing his nerve at the last moment.

There was a space of utter silence and Lynn heard Steleson clear his throat; then he said: "Curious you should forget them to-night, Slippy. Why are you holding them? To doctor them up, by any chance?"

"You know I wouldn't do that, Boss," Slippy said uncomfortably.

"I know you wouldn't do it *twice*," Steleson said and his voice was as chill as a knife blade. "Jorness tried it. Have you forgotten? And now you'd like to try it. You're attempting to hold me up, aren't you? For more money? Come, spit it out. That's it, isn't it?"

"The boys and me, we think we ought to get more," Slippy said.

"More money, you mean?" Steleson asked, and his tone was venomous.

"That's the size of it, I guess," Slippy said.

"That's *your* size," Steleson retorted, like the crack of a whip. "You make as much now in a night as you could in a month before. It's given you the big head. You now think you'll stick me up for more and more and still more. So you chose to-night. There's a fleet waiting out there—a perfect night—and you hide the invoices. You're a stupid dog, Slippy, and I have my way with dogs like you."

The telephone rang and Steleson strode to it. "Hello," he shouted. Lynn could almost feel the heat of his anger. "Oh, yes, that you, Lagg? . . . Yes, I know . . . this imbecile Slippy brought him along up here, but he hasn't appeared; so I guess he's on his way back to Keg Bay by now. . . . You carried his mail this morning? Thanks, Mr. Lagg. . . . If you don't mind, I'm busy now. . . . What's that? . . . He *did*? How long ago? . . . Well, it's a coincidence. They can't have found out anything yet. . . . Be careful, Lagg. Don't let them connect you with anything. Good-by."

Lynn was angry himself. So old man Lagg was in Steleson's employ, too! Why hadn't he suspected?

Steleson hung up. "Lagg says that Corporal Dillon started up the coast over an hour ago. He just discovered the fact. I don't think it means anything."

"What if these boys show up?" Nooch asked.

"I'll have the answer if they do," Steleson said. Then Lynn heard him take a quick step and a voice that crackled as he addressed Slippy. "Now, my man, you will hand me those invoices inside a minute, or you'll follow Jorness. Which will it be?"

"I can't, Boss, I can't," Slippy cried. "They're over to my house."

AND suppose this Mounty Dillon is on the way to search your house? What of that? You'd risk the whole show for your own profit, wouldn't you, you yellow cur? Tell me, where have you hidden them?"

"Under the mattress of my bed," Slippy gurgled, as if he was being half choked.

"Quick, Nooch, Partridge, take that dory. We'll get those papers, first of all," commanded Steleson, "and attend to this rogue, this traitor, later. Up with her!"

Lynn heard hands grabbing at his roof. The dory tipped. The ribbon of light increased. As the boat was lifted, he sprang to his feet, and stood blinking in the astonished presence of five deadly hostile men.

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did not see my efforts; that some one at Philadelphia must have turned them back—they came to Indianapolis so quickly that they could not have reached their destination.

"My parents were very good to me; they bore with me, and encouraged me, as I won nothing but rejections.

"The year after leaving college, 1893, I began a full-length novel—"The Gentleman from Indiana." I thought I would like to write of people and things I had seen when visiting relatives at Marshall, Illinois. These were real people! I adored village people—country people, country people of the Middle West! I wanted to tell about them. Then I had a sort of resentment at the idea held by many people that the only real culture in the country was in the East. I wanted to show that Indiana and Illinois had something better than mere fashion.

"That novel went along pretty well until I was about halfway through with it. Then I stuck fast. So I put it away. After several years I picked it up again, and tried to analyze it to see the cause of my sticking. I realized that as soon as I left my native country, and took my characters East, I was in trouble.

"But before I finished this story I wrote a book with the rather fanciful title, 'Monsieur Beaucaire.' You would like to know how the book came into being? Well, there was a little magazine in New York published by a college classmate—"John O'Dreams," he called it. I used to write verse for it—mighty poor verse, too. And I drew pictures for it. Sometimes the editor would ask a contributor to write a story around one of my illustrations. Once I made a drawing for this paper, but before I could send it to him, 'finis' was written over John O'Dreams. That left me with the cartoon on hand. One day I was looking at the two early-eighteenth-century men in the picture. Why not write a story myself, using the picture as inspiration? 'Monsieur Beaucaire' was the result.

"I thought it might pass muster. But the editors didn't think so. How monotonously it came back to Indianapolis!

"I put it away for a year or two. Then my sister, who believed in me, and in it, took it to New York City and showed it to S. S. McClure, who was so successful in syndicating stories and in running McClure's Magazine. He liked it enough to ask to see something else—but he put 'Monsieur Beaucaire' away. I sent him 'The Gentleman from Indiana.' He liked it, and brought it out in his magazine. Later it appeared as a book. The success of the novel was a surprise to him and to me. It made him want to bring out 'Monsieur Beaucaire,' also. That novel was so different from the other, but people seemed to like it. Then there was a play written from the book.

"MAUD AND BILL" are coming! See FORWARD for October 3 for this lively Booth Tarkington story.

"It has always been my effort to make my books clean, inspiring, helpful. They *must* leave a good taste in the mouth!

"I asked a Public Safety Director in Philadelphia his opinion as to the reason for the lowering of moral standards among young people. He said that he felt it was due to the fact that so many to-day have little or nothing to do with church and Sunday School. Young people are so imitative. How can a fellow dare to set evil before them in his writing?

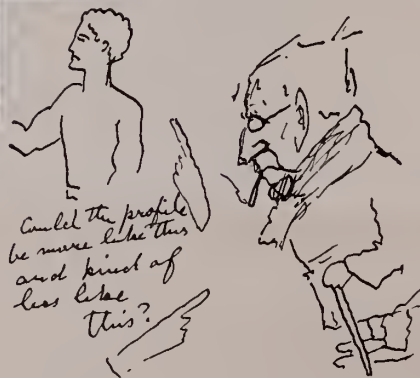
"You ask about my books for and about boys. Well, 'Seventeen' and 'Penrod' and 'Little Orvie' grew out of my study of our nephews and nieces, and



Courtesy, Princeton Alumni Weekly

S. N. Williams '94 and N. B. Tarkington '93 in the Princeton Triangle Club's Famous Show, "The Hon. Julius Caesar"

(Right) Mr. Tarkington's Own Comment on the Subject of His "Profile"



of their children. Once I asked a nephew, 'Why don't you like Edward?' 'Oh, because they call him the little gentleman!' was the reply. That gave me a story of a priggish boy. Always I was getting clues from them. I used to listen to young people talking to one another outside my bathhouse at Kennebunkport, Maine. They didn't know I was listening, so they were quite natural.

"Once I wrote as much as eighteen hours a day. But I have had to change that. It is eight years now since I began to have trouble with one of my eyes. Now I am entirely blind in one eye, and the other is rather dim. Of course I have had operations, eight of them. But cataract has had its way with me. For a time I didn't know what I was going to do. But a friend from Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Miss Elizabeth Trotter, suggested that I dictate to her. I thought I couldn't do it, but I did. She has been a wonderful help. In these years of vanishing eyesight I have owed everything to two women—my wife Susanah, and Miss Trotter.

"Downhearted? Not a bit of it! And not at any time. Why should I be? I am thoroughly contented. I can enjoy looking at pictures. And I can sail a boat at sea! Eight months of every year are spent at my beloved Kennebunkport.

"Why make yourself and other people miserable simply because something has gone wrong with you? I am still able to write four or five hours a day. I have orders ahead that will keep me busy for two years.

"I have the highest admiration for blind people who refuse to be a burden to others. Why have the point of view of those who say, 'Sight is a blessing' and mourn because it is fading?

"I do a lot of thinking about things I have seen. What memories I have of trips to Paris, to Rome, to Capri! And that wonderful Amalfi Drive near Naples! We had to take a day to it, on pony back. That is no trip to take in an automobile. Once I went over to Africa, and went to Biskra. How those scenes made me think of the Arabian Nights and the Bible! From there we went to Sicily. Sicily is beautiful, of course, but after

Africa it was like going to Hoboken.

"I have to smile as I think of people who refuse to become enthusiastic over such sights. Once I went abroad with Harry Leon Wilson, a brother au-

thor. On a glorious moonlight night I tried to get him to go out on the hotel balcony for the view across the Bay of Naples to Vesuvius, and he wouldn't go. Then one day in Rome when I had made up a program for a day of marvelous sight-seeing, I went to his room to get him, and he had gone to bed. He wasn't sick. But he was sick of sight-seeing."

To Lucia

In about 5 weeks Mr. Morley will pay to you \$500.00 in payment of 3 loans but here.

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This is to be deposited to your own credit.

W. W. Boyette

Sept 14 1936

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Beechwood - Madison Ind.

Oct 21st 1936

Lucia Dearest;

I have finally reached
this journey's end and here I am
at Uncle Howard's home.

Much to my surprise I got word
from Howard as soon as he received
my letter - telling me of Aunt Susie's
having gone to visit Lenore
and of his own meeting of Warner
Trustees at Indianapolis on Tuesday.

I worked it all right and by staying
at Whaeton one more day, had
Howard meet me at Indianapolis Tuesday
Oct 20 after his Trustees had
adjourned - and then going on ahead
for Madison - and arrived here at 6:25
just a little after dark.

This Editor in Chief will shut him out of the
race for me in class but gives him the scholarship

I find your letter of Sept. 27th waiting me here.

Am sorry Hamilton's resignation was sent in.
I shall wait for news of all kinds now as
the days go by.

I am wondering what the news will be and
am wondering whether this will find you in Nov.

at home or will wait for you to return from your
contemplated trip to Peking and Shanghai
Lots & lots of love to you dearest and oh how I wish

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Aunt Susan will be coming back
about 25th and I am already settled
here and am now ready to take
things easy.

The visit to the boys was very satis-
factory. They are both doing good fine
work and have made good reputations.

Howard has worked hard on his
Mathematics - has got the upper hand
finishes his German - has done great
work in his topics has been nominated
as Observer as Business Manager for
next year for the Tower. If he gets
that (and he will) it carries a \$200.⁰⁰

Scholarship.

Sam as you know is Editor in Chief of
the Tower which as you know gives
him a Scholarship this year.

the next few months were over and I was once
more on the front porch with you and Tom.

Love for all of you Affectionately
Sambo.

Samuel Arloffett.
I am still getting better - not quite - Complete Control
but getting along - and I propose to rest and just
use these months for real recovery.

Sam -

Madison, Indiana

Nov. 8 1936

Lucia Dearest: I forgot to enclose in my letter a request for "Diamond". Han introduced it here and Annie and Howard are quite taken with it and they want some for Christmas presents. You can get them from the Christian Lit. Soc. in Seoul and I think you can have them before for the mail and send two copies I think and not run over the limit of Customs duties. Send 2 copies and have them mailed to me here to me at Madison Indiana (that is sufficient address).

I wonder if the election of President came as great a surprise as it did to us. What it all may mean we as yet cannot tell. The night of the election it snowed hard here and we woke up to find every thing snowed up under about a foot of snow. It lasted two or three days and as yet even in some places there are some patches left.

It is the earliest winter ever known here and while two good sunny days have turned the winter into the fall again those few days were a real taste of winter.

I am still keeping quiet not seeing anybody and not going into the city. My! if only you and Tom were here wouldn't it be a real vacation. Lots and lots of love to you girlie and may we both of us be kept through the experiences the Lord has for us
over
Jambo.

You may be able to get Diamond at the department store
in Pigeon.

Diamond

two Dec. + Jan'y

P.S. For the ~~three~~ months here I am requesting
the Treasurer to send the pension to me here.
Therefore you should pay to Mr Guro the monthly
rent of \$25.⁰⁰ per month beginning with November.

The Nov. number will I think be laid to my Credit
for Bank of Norway by Mr Guro.

Today I sent a cablegram to Norway saying "Norway

Keijo Consent Moped" which means that he
& Dr Clark have my consent for use of \$7000 C for
two months in funding Church etc to be returned
at two months to me (They may run over this a little)

Dr Clark can raise the money. Some of it should
come from the payment made by Kimusuk as per my telegram
saying "one fifth payment now balance extend
three months."

Keep me posted as to any returns from this account
or any other. Just received word of Mrs McKin's falling and
breaking her leg. Will be in bed six months.

Lots of love

Sambo

Samuel R. S. S. S.

Madison, Indiana.

Nov. 15 1936

Lucie Dearent: I was quite upset by your letter
which came last night - written in Tom's hand writing.
I shall wait until next Saturday hoping and praying
that you have recovered. I wonder what caused
your temperature. My but how I do long to be
with you. I can only hope that your next message
will remove all doubt. Just as soon as I
can follow the instructions of the doctors and can
feel that I can leave here - I am off for Pyongyang
and I do not want any more separations.

Your letter and Tom's had no date in them and
I am wondering whether my Honolulu letter had
reached you. Certainly next letter will give me
that information.

In 10 days from now I look for the boys for
Thanksgiving vacation. They are looking forward to it
and are rejoiced that Uncle Howard includes Dayton
in his invitation. Betty will be there also.
Sam's last letter told of his being one of ten
students of Wharton who are included in the
who is who among University and College. Another
well deserved tribute to him as a student.
Howard also writes of making progress in Algebra

[I am glad to know Tom is a "Scout". I know he will oversee
You in your sickness]

And that all things look brighter.

I will send you their letters for each one
throws a little light on College Conditions.

Jim's letter concerning Marion's situation calls for
us to remember them in special prayer. I get
no word from Charles and do not understand it.
He has written Cousin Emma but not a word to me.
I seem to be getting along making progress and I
hope another month will bring me into a good
shake in everything.

— — —
Am a matter of business — I have written twice
to Mr Turkey at San Rafael but as yet I have no
word from him. I should like to have your
consent to making a sale of the property — I fear a
complication which may involve payments for heavy taxes
and any assessment which may come as a step on
the Golden Gate Bridge and so bring us to another
"Telegraph Ave" situation. If you consent I will
get Jim's and Charles' consent and sell it all off
finally. The things we stored there I think we can
find a job which can take them for a year or
two at small expense.

I may have to go to San Rafael as I go to San Fran.
Cisco or Seattle on my way back to Pyongyang and

I want your consent to sale.

My dearie I do love you — oh! so much
Samuel A. Hoffert

Madison, Indiana.

Nov. 22 1936.

Lucie Dearest: My - but wasn't it a great relief to get your letter which came yesterday.

I am thankful for that "no fever, no headache this noon" But now I am wondering what struck you - what it is that sent you to the Hospital. To have to wait nearly 2 months to learn just what it is that troubles you and to know what it was that upset the whole household. Please give me

more satisfactory statement of your condition and what all to expect. This last week was a most trying one and I want some more itemized describing statements about your condition.

When was the last letter I received - written. Your letter has no date to it - I certainly expected on this last mail a statement as to my Honolulu letter. It should have reached you - but you say nothing at all about it.

The letter from Kim on suk was postmarked Nov. 1st and you surely must have gotten my Honolulu letter. Your letter was a great relief - but my; how you can tell me part of what is going on

and leave me to guess the rest.

"The Community as usual marshalled by a Capable Committee is doing nice things" - Now to, what does that refer and what are the "nice things"?

Thanks for the news. But give me more of news from yourself.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and tomorrow I look for a letter from the boys telling me when they will arrive here. Betty is expected also and Dayton is to come.

I wrote Cousin Emma and received a reply. Notice her change of address. Her new address is 124 Groveland Ave.

I also wrote to Agel and herewith his reply. I am glad to know the Telegraph for Liberty is off our hands & we have no more interest in it.

His letter gives the information we want. Hope he & the Bank can sell the Liberty.

Just after I wrote you I received a check from Mrs Turley for \$150.00 18 months ~~receipts~~ receipts. I think we had better sell it.

I have a letter from Dr Parker. Hopes to go out by Spring or Summer. Frances he writes "Frances can never say enough good things about Wheaton." They all send love to you.

I have a good letter from Mrs Lee - who warns me to rest and rejuvenate. I have written her son

Henry Moffett Lee trying to get Betty who
is in Indianapolis in touch with him and
bring him down here after I get somewhat
more in shape for seeing others.

The Boys are writing me for direction and
I enjoy their letters. After Thanksgiving I
shall have some more to write you
about them.

Tell Tom I am glad to know he has
been such a help to you. He will enjoy
the Dormitory but I venture to say he
will be back in the home when the way
opens up.

As for myself I think I am making good
progress - there is still a little hesitancy about
speaking but as Susie says "we all
have that" and that we need not worry
over that.

With most cordial greetings to all in the Station
and with lots and lots of love ^{to} you & Tom.
Affectionally

Janbo
Samuel A. Moffett.

I have no further word
for Miss McEune. (over)

I am still waiting for word from Jim and
Charles. They are hard to keep in touch
with.

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Madison, Indiana.

Nov. 29. 1936

Lucia Dearest: How I do wait for your letters!
I thought yesterday would bring me one which I thought
I might share with the boys who are here today.
How I do wait in prayer for good news from you
and am hoping for no more fever and no headaches.
We have had a good visit from them these four days
and now they go back to work again.
They came via Chicago - (Christmas shopping) and reached
here 7 o'clock Thanksgiving morning. Betty had come with
her room-mate the night before but she could only
stay until 5 o'clock Thanksgiving day and then Uncle
Handy took them over to Scottsburg to catch a train
for Indianapolis, an hour's ride from here.
My what a big TURKEY we had for Thanksgiving!!
It was a great 19 lb. immense big fellow and with
all the Cranberry sauce, Celery, ice sherbet, mince
pies and every thing else we had - it was a perfect
success. The boys did enjoy it! Dayton was with us
also and we have had three big days together.
Yesterday we had Nellie and her two boys over for
dinner and today we all take dinner with them.
How if only we had you & Tom with us!!

Last night we did up Christmas parcels to send to you in P. Y. I am to send them off for you on Monday morning. There will be three packages - one of Candy, one a "monopoly game" and a third with all kinds of things for Thomas primarily. I hope they all get through the Customs but I fear lest you have to pay some duties on two of them. They probably will not reach you until between Christmas and New Years. Let me know how they reach you and what duties you may have to pay.

Yesterday I received Mrs Bernheims letter and was glad to get it - even though it spoke of some of the problems you are facing. Am glad Dr Stephenson paid you all a visit.

— — —
There is a great strike along the Pacific Coast 37000 men as Steve - does are all on strike - 700 heneys held up at Honolulu and hundreds of other along the Coast are all held up.

Am hoping this has not been held up and that U.S. mails have gone through - altho how they can get through when no steamers are going,

I have no word yet of my Honolulu letter having been received. I thought they would have reached you last of October and Mrs Bernheim's letter was dated Nov. 4th. Please date your letters and let me know which of mine reaches you.

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Now - a few things with reference to Conditions at
Plympton. I want to know how the sale of land
at the "farm" has or has not gone through - and whether
in response to my cable message the payment was paid and
whether it has been turned over to you. Just what was
received and what disposition of it.

Also I wonder if Dr. Clark & Dr. Downy have bought the
Church site in question and for what they made up
the payment on it.

I think perhaps it is all right now to let me
know just what has taken place in the main question
before you all - whether any progress is being made with
the "powers that be". Also what was done about
my transfer to some one else or whether I continue
as "founder" as before.
I still have a hesitancy in getting the word I want
but am quite sure it is with greater ease and made
infrequently. Sam says he notices a very marked change
since I have had the quiet and rest which I have
received here.

However I want to see more marked improvement before
the New Year comes on.
I am still hoping I may be able to leave here in
July and reach you about the last of that month.
Keep up your letters until I let you know when to stop.
I have no word from Charles and I do not know what

to do about it. He has not answered any of my letters - I know nothing of his plans and can get no touch with him. I see no prospect of my getting to see him at all. With no word from him I cannot very well drop in on him and beside the place is off the line and whether I shall be wise to go here & there hunt^{ing} up others is a question I do not yet feel settled in my own mind. My! how I do wish I could sit down and talk over many things with you. Am hoping that by the time this reaches you your trip (as you suggested) is all over and you are safe at home again. I am not sending you much of anything for Christmas this is my Christmas letter and may the great longing for you be with us both as we put up with this unexpected experience.

May the Lord watch over you & Thomas and keep you both in good health and meet out to you all needed grace for whatever conditions he leads you through.

Dayton is ~~just~~ turning over to me his Christmas package to be mailed ^{to} his house when I mail the packages to you. With lots & lots of love and a most tremendous loving Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Love,
Samuel Pilozzetti

Madison, Indiana

Dec. 6 1936

Dear loved ones:

Yesterday brought me your undated letter with the letters from Jim and Eleanor. All were most welcome. Also a few days ago I had a letter from Charles.

I was glad indeed to know you were out of Hospital. Now be sure you do not run any risks. It is too late to tell you to be careful about your travel in China. I shall be glad when I learn that trip has been successfully made and that you are safe at home.

The Christmas packages will reach P. J. while you are in China. I will write Mrs Roberts to pay duty if any and to take them in.

As for the Parker money. It was \$280.00 she borrowed from me.

Do not worry over the salary being laid to my account in Pyongyang. I will have enough here without that.

Dec & Jan'y will be laid to me here. We are now making out Christmas efforts. The boys & Jane

And Howard are to spend a few days with us here
They have to go back shortly after Christmas as they
have some work to get off, the Tower &c,
We will have a quiet Christmas here - Dayton goes
East. Betty will be here then.

Am now struggling as to what to get for Howard & Susie
Betty & Rob's household. Will work it out I guess.
There is a little 2 year old daughter of the maid who
helps Susie out in the kitchen and we all make it
a great day for her. She wants a Cutlery set - which I
am getting for her.

My own presents for you all except what is with the
packages sent this week - is just a quiet big in-
stallment of love and good wishes - with oh! such
a quiet longing for you and to be at home.

As for myself. I am appreciably growing stronger. seem
to be making slow but real progress and am
still obeying doctor's orders and refusing to see
anyone or to take any suggestions for any addressing.

I do not know when I shall leave for Korea.
Another month may put me in shape to leave here
in Feb'y but I cannot tell as yet.
When I do go I want my arrival to be just as
quiet as my coming away was.

I may be able to let you know but not to make it known to anyone else.

I have a letter from Dr. Clark - he would rather I should delay for a while - but I am hoping that I may leave here in Feby.

Please thank Dr. Clark over & over again for all he has been doing for me and may the way be made clear before him - without too much "Yok" from some of those he has to deal with.

Thanks to Tom for his good letter. It will not be a real Christmas without him - but we are trying to make the best of all this absence and to enjoy with gratitude the many many mercies we enjoy.

I am thankful for this home of Uncle Hardy and its quiet and restfulness.

Am hoping this will reach you in Peiping as you suggest.

Am sorry to learn of Fletcher's wife's death.
When I read it I thought it was Dr Fletcher of Fairton
to whom you referred - but I learned differently as I
thought it over.

Am interested in Mr. Hamilton's movements and am
hoping he may find a happy ending to his plans for
usefulness.

I should like to have a letter from Dr Blair telling me of
the situation as it has developed since last October.
with lots & lots of love and a most tremendous longing
to be with you all.

Lovingly

Sambo

Samuel A. Sloboffett

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Korea.

Let me know that our Christmas packages reached Mrs
Roberts safely.

Get 10 more end of the
new starts.

Madison Indiana

Dec, 13, 1936

Lucia Dearest: My last letter was sent you at
Peiping China. and this goes now to Pyyngyang - where
I am hoping it will find you.

I was glad to get James's & Eleanor letters which
you forwarded. Yesterday I received your kite flying
picture by Elizabeth Keith and the Balleride's sketch
of the bridge at Potomac gate. Will give the former to
Jim who will be glad to get it.

I received the sad news of the Robt Earle's death and
you sent it in a postal card.

We are getting ready for Christmas. Sam & Howard and
Beth will all be here. Jim I think might come

for a couple of days but we are filled up and cannot
take in any more. However I doubt if they ought
to come - for it takes lots of money to run things in this

Country and I question whether he can spend \$100.00
on a trip of that kind.

I am hoping to go on to him in Jan'y. that seems to
be the only hope of seeing them. Charles is all tied up
with his Christmas exercises etc. Am hoping I may be able
to see him as I go West to return to Korea - which I
am still hoping may be about 1st of Feb'y.

For Christmas I am dealing in neckties and have
some good ones for Uncle Howard, for Sam & Howard, and
also for Rob's boys - Bruce & Sam.

I have an umbrella for Nellie - have a Cutlery set for the
maid's 2 year old girl. have sent arbor beads to Eleanor
and now have yet to think up something for Aunt Susie
and for Betty. Don't know what to get for Marion.
My children will be in having the boys here for 3 or
4 days.

After Christmas I am hoping to begin to get ready to
leave here in Jan'y (~~last~~ Feb'y or in Feb'y for the
real home. My - but how much I would give
to be there now. Howard & Susie have made me feel
at home and have done everything for me. But it
is something for them to do at their ages - 78 for
Susie and 74 for Howard.

Life in America has changed so completely - the
moral situation has changed - it is a "wet" and
a ~~shut~~ Sabbath ignoring land. I am not in it
and am keeping out of it - as I am to keep quiet,
I shall not make any addresses and as yet have not
even attended Church as I am still slowly but
gradually improving and do not want to get into
touch with others.

Am so glad Tom has stood by you when you were sick.
He has been helped by his trip to China.
Just lots & lots to both of you. With love with you
Affectionately
Samuel A. M. [unclear] Father & Sambo

Madison, Indiana.

Dec. 20 1936

Lucia Dearest: Oh! how I wish I could drop
in on you and just talk it all over again!
About comes Christmas - I shall have a good time
with the boys here and then after that will
come the whole month of January - with just what
I shall do with it and then the plans for getting
off to Korea.

There are so many hulls - this way and that and I do
not know just how or what to plan.
Charles has written one of their expectations and of
course he wants me to stay over into March and see
our little grand child. Jim wants a visit from me
and I am hoping I can take a visit to him.

Just now I am wondering if you have made your
visit to Peiping. I am longing for the news that you
have returned safe & sound and have not gotten into
the political turmoil of all of China's war lords.

The boys are to arrive here on Wednesday the 23rd
having picked up Betty at Indianapolis and we shall
have four or five days together - then they go back to work

on the Tower and other Collyer duties.

My! don't I wish I could kick them up and land in P.Y. for a good old fashioned Christmas season! Am hoping that this week will bring the Christmas peckers to P.Y. and that you will find them waiting for you when you return.

Tell Tom I am thinking of him every day and just longing to be with you.

The Miss Keith kite flying came all O.K. and was sent on to Jim. It is a beauty. I sent the P. Tong River Bridge to Charles. He will appreciate that.

I also have subscribed for the Presbyterian for 1937 for Charles.

Now as to my future moves - I do not know as yet just what they shall be. When I do return I do not want the Koreans (or Foreigners) to know of it. I will let you know when my passage is secured and not long after that I shall hope to drop in on you - but do not hold out any hopes. I shall I think get passage some time in Feb'y - but do keep it a secret.

I do not see now that I can wait until after the "blessed event" takes place in Rolette. Will see however as the time goes on and what my condition is.

I think I can travel all right in Jan'y.

I have heard nothing from Dr. Blair. Tell him to write me something about the real situation now.

Altho' from Mrs. Gule tell of a slight stroke Dr. Gule has experienced. She asks for prayers. Lots & lots of love to you & Tom. Sams.

Samuel A. Moffett

Madison, Indiana,

Dec. 23, 1936.

Lucia Dearest: I do long for you and what
I would give to be with you on this your
Birth day! May you have many many happy
returns of the day and may this be from now
on our being together again.

I am thinking of you as you probably are with Tom
in Peiping and I am looking long for news
from you that you have returned to P. J. I do
not like these days of enforced separation.

Our boys also are probably just now started
from Wheaton in their auto - expecting to pick
up Betty at Indianapolis - and then getting in
here about 9 o'clock tonight to send Christmas greetings
with us here.

Wish we could have Jim & Charles and their
wives with us for these three days but we
can't shake in everybody.

I have word from ~~sub~~ Charles as to their great expectations
about 1st of March and am praying for them that
all may go well with them.

Yesterday I received your packet of the ~~statistic~~ report

which I take it was written by D. Clark.
I have sent them as Christmas Cards with my
"Wish for a Merry Christmas Cards."

Yesterday also the box of Korean Candy came by
parcel post. Will open it on Christmas as a
surprise to the boys.

This is just a Birthday letter - wish I had
a real good present for you but I do not
know how to find the thing you want or any
thing that seems to fit into our needs.
With lots & lots of love with an overwhelming desire
to be with you

Lovingly

Jambo

Samuel A. Lopoff

Madison Indiana,

Dec 25 - 1926.

Lucia Dearest: Just a few words on
Christmas Day - to tell you of our
fine old fashioned day.
Yesterday Betty came in about 10:30 in the
morning by bus, she leaving the two loops
Asley in Indiana etc. Dan & Howard had hitch-
hiked from Wheaton - as their car had broken
down and it will take several days to repair it.
The boys woke up and started hitch-hiked for
Madison - Dan had good luck and walked in
on us here about 1:30 - having come all the
way to Madison from Columbus in one car.
His man dropped him off at our lane.
Along about 3 p.m. in came Howard with
a little more "kissing" but all O.K.
Then last night we had Christmas Day Dinner
and what a dinner it was. The mail had
to go off early this morning - so we had Xmas
dinner the "night before Christmas."
Betty & Dan with Nellie's outfit went down to
a Church "Carol" outfit at the Church - then this

morning all slept until 11 o'clock and then
we had the presents and great fun it was.
Before they all got up - "Special Letter" writing was
telephoned us so Howard & I went down to get three
of them - all sent by "special delivery" - one for Howard -
one for Samuel High & one for Howard Ferguson.
Then as we came back - we had just turned in to find
him at other end of the line - so he had a Xmas
gift by voice from him and Eleanor. It was fine
to hear his voice.

This afternoon another "Special delivery" has been
relayed to us and Sam & Howard have gone to get
it. Tomorrow we take dinner at Nellie's.

All are well - getting along well.

My but how I do wish we could be together !!
Am wondering where you are and will be delighted to
learn the Peips' visit is over and you are safe
at home.

The day's newspaper has just come in and tells of
Chang Kai Seng having been released.
The Lord bless and keep you and open the way before very
long return us to each other.
With just lots + lots of love I send this Xmas greeting from
us all.

Lovely Sambo
Samuel A. Sloboffsky

You have a balance to your Credit of \$38.96 and probably \$7.50 to collect 1st Jan'y.

Madison, Indiana.

Dec, 27, 1936.

Lucia Dearest: Well - this is just a note

to fill up the Birthday & Christmas letters sent you last week.

We had a great Christmas Day and tomorrow the Boys go back to Wheaton - stopping on the way to see Henry Myrtle Lee in Indianapolis.

I am going to work on the "Tower" and Howard can well put in a few days before the Semester exams.

All the family except myself all went to Church this morning. Beth goes on tonight bus as she must be at her work together with the office Monday morning.

— Very love & wish I might have been with you & Tom in the P. Y. home, but as you are probably celebrating in Peiping - I cannot think of much in Peiping that will seem like Christmas.

I shall be glad when I can think of you as having returned to P. Y.

Friday after I had gone to bed and was almost ~~asleep~~ asleep when Howard came in and said

Charles was on the phone and wanted to talk with me. I had a good talk with him and also with Marion - whose voice I had heard for the first time. That made Christmas greetings from their own voices of Jim + Eleanor, Charles + Marion and the two boys here - Dan + Howard. Wasn't that a great celebration?

Charles + Marion sent us a package which came yesterday - one day late only.

They sent a package for Nellie and Rob's boys - also cards for the Beechwood Combination and a fine Marion knit blue + red counterpane with a big "W" for Wheaton for the two boys.

I do not know as yet what my moves shall be - but will hope to know probably after my next letter goes to you.

I am hoping that the Alien Land law will not complicate things. Tell Dr. Clark to go ahead with whatever he thinks best as to land not yet sold.

I am looking for a letter tomorrow from you - letting of your trip to Peiping but am trusting that half of your journey is all over.

Wag! but I wish I could reach P.Y. just as you do on your return trip. How I do long for you!

Samuel A. Hoppitt

I. Fleming 'You Only Live Twice'

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE

BY IAN FLEMING

(Chapter 13 has a reference to the ^{Japanese} "Black Dragon Society" which, we believe, threatened Samuel Austin Moggott's life and caused him to leave Korea on a few hours' notice in September, 1936)

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Kissy Suzuki

JAMES BOND went through the rest of the morning like an automaton. While he tried on his *ninja* equipment and watched each item being carefully packed into a floatable plastic container, his mind was totally occupied with the image of his enemy—this man Blofeld, the great gangster who had founded SPECTRE, the Special Executive for Counter-Intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion, the man who was wanted by the police of all the NATO countries, the man who had murdered Tracy, Bond's wife for less than a day, a bare nine months ago. And in those nine months, this evil genius had invented a new method of collecting death, as Tiger had put it. This cover as the Swiss Doctor Shatterhand, as a rich botanist, must have been one of the many he had wisely built up over the years. It would have been easy. A few gifts of rare plants to famous botanical gardens, the financing of a handful of expeditions, and all the while in the back of his mind

the plan one day to retire and "cultiver son jardin." And what a garden! A garden that would be like a deadly fly-trap for human beings, a killing bottle for those who wanted to die. And of course Japan, with the highest suicide statistics in the world, a country with an unquenchable thirst for the bizarre, the cruel, and the terrible, would provide the perfect last refuge for him. Blofeld must have gone off his head, but with a monstrous, calculating madness—the madness of the genius he undoubtedly was. And the whole demoniac concept was on Blofeld's usual grand scale—the scale of a Caligula, of a Nero, of a Hitler, of any other great enemy of mankind. The speed of execution was breathtaking, the expenditure fabulous, the planning, down to the **use of the Black Dragon Society**, meticulous, and the cover as impeccable as the Piz Gloria Clinic, which, less than a year before, Bond had helped to destroy utterly. And now the two enemies were lined up again, but this time David was spurred on to kill his Goliath not by duty but by blood feud! And with what weapons? Nothing but his bare hands, a two-inch pocket knife and a thin chain of steel. Well, similar weapons had served him before. Surprise would be the determining factor. Bond added a pair of black flippers to his equipment, a small supply of pemmican-like meat, benzedrine tablets, a plastic flask of water. Then he was ready.

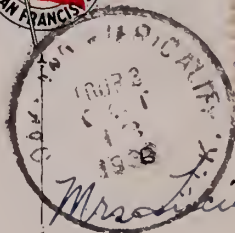
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F.S. Jones

[From S. A. Moffett]

POST CARD



Have ticket to
Madison. baggage
checked through. Will
stop with boys a 3
or 4 days journey.

All goes well.
Mrs. Adams has taken me
in charge and I sail tonight

Mrs. Lucia F. Moffett

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George T. Scott, D. D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
26 5th Ave.,
New York City.

October 3, 1936

Handwritten note:
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Dear Dr. Scott,

For the past three weeks I have been wanting to write to you, but during that time I have only had one night at home and have been going at a tremendous pace with not a moment for correspondence of any kind, save the letter written while in Pyongyang

Korean General Assembly.

We went to the meeting of the Korean General Assembly with a good deal of fear and trembling in view of the many rumours as to what was going to take place there. There was a very strong feeling that the unhappy spirit which we had been hoping to curb during the past two years would finally result in an open split in the Church and result in two Assemblies. Each day it seemed as though it must come, and there was a very marked tension in the sessions all the way through, but our fears were not realized and there is hope that there may still be a way out. A special committee of which Dr. Stacy Roberts is the Chairman was appointed to try and bring about a peaceful understanding in regard to one of the vexed questions and they had some success. At the closing session the committee was enlarged and my name and those of two Koreans were added and we were told to take up the larger and more difficult questions in the hopes that a better situation might be brought about. Our work still lies ahead of us and we expect to meet next month.

Among the more important decisions were the following:-
it was almost unanimously decided to do away with territorial division with the Methodist Church and the Presbyterians now feel free to go anywhere and open up new churches. The foreign missionaries were opposed to it but the motion was passed with very little debate and a very strong feeling in favour of it.

The Board of Foreign Missions, undertook to open up work in Manchukuo among the Chinese-speaking population and hopes to send a missionary there during the year in addition to carrying on its work in Shantung.

The Assembly voted to observe Nov. 1st as Worldwide Communion Sunday in accordance with the decision recorded in the General Letter from the Board. It was also voted to send greetings to the Centennial celebration and Dr. McLune was appointed a representative. It is also planned to send a Korean representative also.

The overtures to unite once more with the National Christian Council were laid on the table for one year as were also the overtures requesting the Assembly to leave the Sunday School Association and prepare its own Sunday school lessons. The reason for the

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Executive Committee Actions.

The Executive Committee of the Mission had a short meeting on September 23 and 24 to take up various routine matters some of which will require a few words of explanation.

While of course the V Actions have only just been sent out to the Mission to vote on and therefore have not yet been actually passed I will inform you of them now so that in the future all that will remain to be done is to send word that they have been already approved by the Mission.

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v.941. Cooks' Assignment. Recommend that Mr and Mrs. Cook be assigned to work in Taiiku for the 3 months of October, November and December.

From information received during the summer from the Scotch Presbyterian missionaries from Manchuria and later at the General Assembly from some of the Korean commissioners from that region it became perfectly clear that it would not be wise for either the Cooks or the Allen Clarks to plan to return to work in Sinpin just now, not even to send the Cooks back to Moukden for the winter as had been planned at the time of mission meeting. The Clarks had already been assigned to work in Chungju for the year to fill the vacancy caused by Bruce Hunt's resignation and also so as to give him an opportunity to get some experience in country work and the care of the churches such as has been impossible for him hitherto on account of the unsettled condition in the country districts of his field. We recommended that the Cooks be sent to Taiiku for the first three months because of the special invitation from that station where a campaign of tent evangelism is planned for the winter.

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v.942. SYENCHUN Medical Adviser. Recommend that Dr. Smith be appointed as medical adviser to SYENCHUN Station. This was rendered necessary by the sudden return on health leave of Dr. and Mrs. Chisholm: a health certificate has been granted to Mrs. Chisholm and they are planning to leave in a few days.

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v.943. Kangkai Medical Adviser. Recommend that Dr. Bigger be appointed Medical adviser to Kangkai Station. Dr. Chisholm had been appointed as such after the resignation of Dr. Syram and a substitute for him now had to be found.

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v.944. Dr. Found's Appointment. Recommend that we inform the Board that the Mission would welcome the appointment of Dr. Found M.D. and Mrs. Found, preferably to supply one of our hospitals in the smaller stations.

During the summer Dr. McAfee wrote out to me to ask my opinion as to the advisability of the Board taking up this question of Dr. Found's appointment with Dr. Found himself. Inasmuch as I was rather in the dark as to the reasons for Dr. Found's resignation from the Methodist Board I hesitated to reply in the affirmative. After consultation with Dr. D.B. Avison, the vice-president of Severance Union Medical College and some correspondence with Dr. Oh the president, it was perfectly clear that the Severance institution would not be willing to ask for Dr. Found's appointment until they had

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The disastrous floods which caused so much damage, especially in the southern part of Korea, have fortunately, caused us very little loss. Of course roofs leaked terribly and paths and gardens were washed out, but as far as I remember this is the only item requesting any financial aid from the Board as the result of the floods. In Andong the gatehouse referred to is situated at the base of a hill on the compound and the ~~heavy~~ heavy rains washed down so much sand and gravel as to fill up the rooms and make them unusable. The family living there have had to move out and it is hoped that the Board might be able to make this appropriation so that the needed repairs can be carried out and the family reinstalled before too long a delay has occurred.

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I will remind you again that these actions really should not be reported to you at this time inasmuch as they have not yet been voted upon, but inasmuch as some, for instance those concerning Dr. Found, should be mentioned to you at once, I have reported on all together so as to save time and confusion later.

I am enclosing a copy of the "I" Actions and will make a few comments on some of them.

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I. 801. After a careful study of your Proposals for Studying the Board's Enterprise Abroad the Executive Committee sent out a list of 23 suggested subjects to each station for discussion and requested them to report back by the November meeting.

see 7.34 minutes

I. 803. Land Sale Proceeds.

Board Letter 811 informed us that "In view of the confused condition now prevailing in Chosen regarding the possible future program of the Mission, the Board voted to hold in abeyance the requests of the executive Committee, V. 933 and 935, referring to the use of proceeds from the sale of the land for some permanent investment. The Board expects these funds will be credited to New York and will consider at a later time the disposal of the amounts involved".

I would point out in reply that the conditions now prevailing here probably affect these two particular items as little as any in the entire Mission. V. 933, refers to the sum of Y3,300 received from the city of Pyengyang in return for a piece of the site of the Union Hospital which it appropriated for the widening of one of the streets which bounds the ~~XXXXX~~ property. The site in question has already been designated as part of our capital investment in the Union Hospital and whether that investment is held in the form of land or money value received, it seems clear that it is a part of our investment in the Union Plant. The land was not sold for profit but was appropriated by the city and if the Board refuses to allow the proceeds to be considered as part of the Mission's investment it thereby decreases our share by that amount. The medical work in Pyengyang is prospering and to use the confused conditions as an argument for decreasing our part in the work seems arbitrary.

The item for repairs to the building is a most urgent one. We very much hope that the Board will not delay action on this item any further.

I.804. Exec. Chairman to visit Stations. As you will see by this action I have been instructed to visit the Stations as far as possible and to investigate the present use and possible sale of property in accordance with the request in Board Letter #811. and in view of your letter and the rapidly diminishing forces of our Mission. It will take a good deal of time to get around to all the Stations and I am not yet sure as to how soon it will be possible to get it all done. There are various matters which call for attention hurriedly and which must first be attended to. However I am very anxious to make the round of the entire Mission before the next Mission meeting and will try and send you a complete report in line with the suggestions which you have made.

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In the same way V.935. Requests that permission may be given to sell approximately 2,000 tsubo of land and use the proceeds for much needed Bible Institute repairs. The Bible Institute work in Chaihyung is the largest of any of our stations in the entire mission, and is growing year by year. The figures for 1935 were 367 men and 315 women students. The Bible Institute building is old and not too satisfactory. The item for Repairs Balance has been on the Mission's Property Docket for several years and is now No. 3 on the Mission's Preferred Property Docket. Regardless of conditions the Bible Institute work is going on steadily and the need for the repairs to the building is a most urgent one. We very much hope that the Board will not delay action on this item any further.

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Rev. George T. Scott, D.D., Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
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Dear Dr. Scott,

For the past three weeks I have been wanting to write to you, but during that time I have only had one night at home and have been going at a tremendous pace with not a moment for correspondence of any kind, save the letter written while in Pyengyang.

Korean General Assembly.

We went to the meeting of the Korean General Assembly with a good deal of fear and trembling in view of the many rumours as to what was going to take place there. There was a very strong feeling that the unhappy spirit which we had been hoping to curb during the past two years would finally result in an open split in the Church and result in two Assemblies. Each day it seemed as though it must come, and there was a very marked tension in the sessions all the way through, but our fears were not realized and there is hope that there may still be a way out. A special committee of which Dr. Stacy Roberts is the chairman was appointed to try and bring about a peaceable understanding in regard to one of the vexed questions and they had some success. At the closing session the committee was enlarged and my name and those of two Koreans were added and we were told to take up the larger and more difficult questions in the hopes that a better situation might be brought about. Our work still lies ahead of us and we expect to meet next month.

Among the more important decisions were the following: - It was almost unanimously decided to do away with territorial division with the Methodist Church and the Presbyterians now feel free to go anywhere and open up new churches. The foreign missionaries were opposed to it but the motion was passed with very little debate and a very strong feeling in favor of it.

The Board of Foreign Missions undertook to open up work in Manchukuo among the Chinese-speaking population and hopes to send a missionary there during the year in addition to carrying on its work in Shantung.

The Assembly voted to observe November 1st as Worldwide Communion Sunday in accordance with the decision recorded in the General Letter from the Board. It was also voted to send greetings to the Centennial celebration [of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to be held in 1937] and Dr. McCune [who had to leave Korea in March of 1936] was appointed a representative. It is planned to send a Korean representative also.

The overtures to unite once more with the National Christian Council were laid on the table for one year as were also the overtures requesting the Assembly to leave the Sunday School Association and prepare its own Sunday School lessons. The reason for the latter overtures was that the Methodist man who wrote the Sunday School lessons for the past year did not do satisfactory work and several of the things which he had written caused great offence to the conservatively minded Presbyterians. In spite of many letters of protest which were sent in, the Sunday School Association had already requested him to write the lessons for one half of next year and his work is already completed so that there was a good deal of indignation expressed.

An interesting bit of Church Government legislation was sent down to the presbyteries to vote on by which the way will be made possible for a retired pastor to be elected ruling elder in a local church and thus give the session and church the benefit of his years of experience without causing embarrassment to the new pastor.

In the same way the organization of sessions of General Assembly was sent down to the presbyteries. This move has been on for some years and it is hoped by a good many that in this way the meetings of the Assembly may be held less frequently and thus the north-south friction may be somehow held in check. Personally I feel that this particular move may just as likely have the opposite effect from the one desired.

The Forward Movement Committee, which elected me its chairman, adopted a little book which had [been] written the previous year, as the textbook to be used in the Bible conferences throughout the church; it also adopted a chart worked out by a Southern Presbyterian missionary, which will be sent to each church and which sets forth the various characteristics of a model church, in the hope that each congregation will be stimulated to undertake some particular piece of work looking forward to the improvement in its organization, finances, music, benevolences or some other feature and thus move towards the goal.

The Statistics were very encouraging and show that in spite of the unhappy spirit existing between many of the pastors, and in spite of all the unrest and unhappiness in connection with the shrine question which has occupied such a large place in the thinking of the church, there have been gains in almost every line and the Church has a great deal to be very thankful for. The Korean Church has thoroughly come to realize the importance of Bible study. At the Assembly two presbyteries in which there are no foreign missionaries, asked for assistance in raising funds for the erection of Bible Institute buildings which they felt were absolutely necessary for the development of their people. One of them was the presbytery in the island of Quelpart [Cheju-Do] off the south western coast and the other was the newly organized Moukden presbytery in Manchukuo. The total number of Bible Institute students as recorded in the Assembly's statistics increased from 3,685 the year before to 5,509. The total enrollment at the 5-day Bible conferences from 162,527 to 178,313, and the enrollment in the Bible Correspondence course from 3,933 to 4,119. The attendance at the Daily Vacation Bible Schools from 52,806 to 55,075 and the Sunday School scholars from 325,530 to 344,268. During the past year the number baptized was 15,874 as against 10,412 the previous year, bringing the total baptized roll up to 119,955 of which 98,500 are actual communicants. The total contributions of the Church also showed an increase from ¥ 1,339,718 [\$393,671] the previous year to ¥ 1,756,552 [\$512,712].

Executive Committee Actions:

The Executive Committee of the Mission had a short meeting on September 23 and 24 to take up various routine matters some of which will require a few words of explanation.

While of course the V actions have only just been sent out to the Mission to vote on and therefore have not yet been actually passed I will inform you of them now so that in the future all that will remain to be done is to send word that they have been already approved by the Mission.

V. 941. Cooks' Assignment. Recommend that Mr. and Mrs. [Welling Thomas, D.D. and Maude Rose Hemphill] Cook be assigned to work in Taiku for the 3 months of October,

November and December.

From information received during the summer from the Scotch Presbyterian missionaries from Manchukuo and later at the General Assembly from some of the Korean commissioners from that region it became perfectly clear that it would not be wise for either the Cooks or the Allen Clarks to plan to return to work in Sinpin just now, not even to send the Cooks back to Moukden for the winter as had been planned at the time of mission meeting. The Clarks had already been assigned to work in Chungju for the year to fill the vacancy caused by Bruce Hunt's resignation and also so as to give him an opportunity to get some experience in country work and the care of the churches such as has been impossible for him hitherto on account of the unsettled condition in the country districts of his field. We recommended that the Cooks be sent to Taiku for the first three months because of the special invitation from that station where a campaign of tent evangelism is planned for the winter.

V. 942. Syenchun Medical Adviser. Recommend that Dr. [R.K.] Smith be appointed as medical adviser to Syenchun Station. This was rendered necessary by the sudden return on health leave of Dr. and Mrs. Chisholm. A health certificate has been granted to Mrs. Chisholm and they are planning to leave in a few days.

V. 943. Kangkai Medical Adviser. Recommend that Dr. Bigger be appointed Medical Adviser to Kangkai Station. Dr. Chisholm had been appointed as such after the resignation of Dr. Byram and a substitute for him now had to be found.

V. 944. Dr. Found's Appointment. Recommend that we inform the Board that the Mission would welcome the appointment of Dr. [Norman] Found, M.D. and Mrs. Found, preferably to supply one of our hospitals in the smaller stations.

During the summer Dr. McAfee wrote out to me to ask my opinion as to the advisability of the Board taking up this question of Dr. Found's appointment with Dr. Found, himself. Inasmuch as I was rather in the dark as to the reasons for Dr. Found's resignation from the Methodist Board I hesitated to reply in the affirmative. After consultation with Dr. D.B. Avison, the vice-president of Severance Union Medical College and some correspondence with Dr. Oh, the president, it was perfectly clear that the Severance institution would not be willing to ask for Dr. Found's appointment until they had received definite word from him that he was willing and ready to come back and work with them under the conditions which they would lay down. One of the very evident causes of his resignation was his dissatisfaction with the administration in Severance. In the meantime, Dr. D.B. Avison has written to him so that they are now waiting for his reply. In the meantime the vacancies in Kangkai and Chairyung Stations both need filling and the doctor for Kangkai is high up on the Preferred Order of workers, No. 4 now, so that the Executive Committee is recommending to the Mission that his appointment be asked for a country station hospital. In view of the very great difficulty which American doctors have experienced in securing medical licenses to practice in this country it seems too good an opportunity to miss if Dr. Found will be willing to come out for such work. His former colleagues in Kongju, where he was stationed before going to Severance all speak very highly of him both as a doctor and as a colleague and one of them has expressed to me his earnest desire that it may be possible for Dr. Found to return to Korea under our Mission.

V. 945. Dr. Found and S.U.M.C. [Severance Union Medical College]. Recommend that in case Dr. and Mrs. Found are willing to consider an assignment to Severance Hospital only, the

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Mission requests their appointment provided satisfactory arrangements are made with the Severance Board of Managers, it being understood that their appointment will be in response to request No. 11 on the Preferred List of New Workers (1936 Mission Minutes, p. 44 as amended), that their salary will be provided from yearly grants now being paid by our Board to the Severance institution and that the appointment of additional workers in response to requests higher up on the list will not be prejudiced.

I think that this action is pretty well self-explanatory. The financial "rider" was in accordance with the terms of Dr. McAfee's letter in which he pointed out that the Board has been paying \$2400 annually to Severance in lieu of providing doctors in the vacancies caused by the resignation or retirement of Dr. O.R. Avison and J.W. Hirst and that in the event of Dr. Found being appointed his salary would be deducted from these grants.

V. 946. Expenses for Executive Committee Chairman. In view of the large amount of time the Executive Committee Chairman must spend away from home in pursuance of his duties, recommend that all extra expense involved including all over \$1.25 a day for board be charged to the Executive Committee expense account.

Some years ago, in the interests of economy when the first cut was received on the Board's appropriation, the Mission took action by which all expenses for board while on Mission business would have to be met by the individual concerned or the Station inviting him. Owing to the fact that I am living in neither Pyongyang or Seoul, where a good deal of time will have to be spent this winter in carrying on negotiations with the government authorities in connection with the educational problem and also in view of the fact that this year a good deal of extra work involving travel has been committed to me in connection with the property survey suggested in your letter, this recommendation has been made.

V. 947. Single Salary Increase. Recommend that Mrs. L.P. Henderson be allowed for this year the increase in salary usually granted to single workers who reside alone.

Mrs. L.P. Henderson arrived back from furlough after Mission meeting and so opportunity was not given at that time to ask for this for her. She is living and keeping house by herself in Taiku and therefore is in position to receive this help.

V. 948. Andong Flood Damage Emergency. In accordance with the request of Andong Station, recommend that the Board be requested to make a grant of Yen 200 to repair damage to a gatehouse caused by recent floods, hoping such a grant might be made from *Fire and Marine Insurance Funds* or any other funds that might be available to cover such an emergency.

The disastrous floods which caused so much damage, especially in the southern part of Korea, have fortunately caused us very little loss. Of course roofs leaked terribly and paths and gardens were washed out, but as far as I remember this is the only item requesting any financial aid from the Board as the result of the floods. In Andong the gatehouse referred to is situated at the base of a hill on the compound and the heavy rains washed down so much sand and gravel as to fill up the rooms and make them unusable. The [Korean] family living there have had to move out and it is hoped that the Board might be able to make this appropriation so that the needed repairs can be carried out and the family reinstalled before too long a delay has occurred.

I will remind you again that these actions really should not be reported to you at this time inasmuch as they have not yet been voted upon, but inasmuch as some, for instance those concerning Dr. Found, should be mentioned to you at once, I have reported on all together so as

to save time and confusion later.

I am enclosing a copy of the "I" Actions and will make a few comments on some of them.

I. 801. After a careful study of your *Proposals for Studying the Board's Enterprise Abroad*, the Executive Committee sent out a list of 23 suggested subjects to each station for discussion and requested them to report back by the November meeting.

I. 803. Land Sale Proceeds. Board Letter 811 informed us that "In view of the confused condition now prevailing in Chosen regarding the possible future program of the Mission, the Board voted to hold in abeyance the requests of the Executive Committee, V. 933 and 935, referring to the use of proceeds from the sale of the land for some permanent investment. The Board expects these funds will be credited to New York and will consider at a later time the disposal of the amounts involved".

I would point out in reply that the conditions now prevailing here probably affect these two particular items as little as any in the entire Mission. V. 933, refers to the sum of ¥ 3,300 received from the city of Pyengyang in return for a piece of the site of the Union Hospital which it appropriated for the widening of one of the streets which bounds the property. The site in question has already been designated as part of our capital investment in the Union Hospital and whether that investment is held in the form of land or money value received, it seems clear that it is a part of our investment in the Union Plant. The land was not sold for profit but was appropriated by the city and if the Board refuses to allow the proceeds to be considered as part of the Mission's investment it thereby decreases our share by that amount. The medical work in Pyengyang is prospering and to use the confused conditions as an argument for decreasing our part in the work seems arbitrary.

In the same way V. 935. requests that permission may be given to sell approximately 2,000 tsubo of land and use the proceeds for much needed Bible Institute repairs. The Bible Institute work in Chairyung is the largest of any of our stations in the entire mission, and is growing year by year. The figures for 1935 were 367 men and 315 women students. The Bible Institute building is old and not too satisfactory. The item for *Repairs Balance* has been on the Mission's Property Docket for several years and is now No. 3 on the Mission's Preferred Property Docket. Regardless of conditions, the Bible Institute work is going on steadily and the need for the repairs to the building is a most urgent one. We very much hope that the Board will not delay action on this item any further.

I. 804. Executive Chairman to visit Stations. As you will see by this action I have been instructed to visit the Stations as far as possible and to investigate the present use and possible sale of property in accordance with the request in Board Letter #811 and in view of your letter and the rapidly diminishing forces of our Mission. It will take a good deal of time to get around to all the Stations and I am not yet sure as to how soon it will be possible to get it all done. There are various matters which call for attention hurriedly and which must first be attended to. However, I am very anxious to make the round of the entire Mission before the next Mission meeting and will try and send you a complete report in line with the suggestions which you have made.

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There now remain just two other matters which need a few words in order to clear them up. They were both mentioned by Dr. McAfee in his letter of August 3rd and that is the reason for my mentioning them at this time. At their own request Mr. and Mrs. Malsbary's names were withdrawn from the *Preferred List of New Workers* inasmuch as a church in Chicago had undertaken their support on the understanding that they do not become regular members of the Mission. Dr. McAfee wondered as to what church it was that had undertaken his support under these conditions and whether or not we would be running into possible trouble. In reply I assured Dr. McAfee that in the light of the past 5 years or so that Mr. and Mrs. Malsbary have been working in Pyengyang and the extremely satisfactory relations which have always existed

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between them and the members of the Mission I felt quite sure that in so far as they were concerned there would be no difficulty. However, in order to make things clear I wrote to Mr. Malsbary asking him if he would allow me to inform the Board as to the church which was supporting him and as to what conditions they had placed upon his work. He wrote me that the church that supports him is his home church, the Cicero Bible Church, Rev. Wm. McCarrell, pastor, 5107 W. 22nd Place, Cicero, Ill. They have placed no restrictions upon him, permitting him to work "in any work true to the faith in Korea". There has never been any question whatever raised as to his helpfulness or sympathy with the work of Pyengyang Station and any of its institutions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Malsbary have won the entire confidence of the members of the Station, of the Mission and of the Korean Church to a remarkable degree and it would be most unfortunate if any questions were raised at this time which would throw any doubt on that point or hurt their feelings at all. He, in addition to a very heavy teaching schedule in the Pyengyang Foreign School and until this year in the College also, has begun and carried on a unique personal work campaign, which has been an object lesson to many missionaries as well as to the Korean Church. The tracts which he has prepared are being widely used all over Korea and he is training a fine corps of volunteer workers from among the students and other promising young men. Whatever the future of the college may be, there will be a very great contribution which he can and will make to the Church both along the lines of personal evangelism and also in church music for both of which he is remarkably well qualified.

The E.L. Whittemore Case.

As you will already have received word from Mr. Whittemore himself, you will know that he has withdrawn his application for appointment to the Chosen Mission. His case has been up for some time before the Mission and Board and I think that his friends will all feel that he has done the wisest thing. After all the delay and discussion on the floor of the Mission as to the wisdom of asking for his appointment, he would have had such a burden of uncertainty in the minds of his fellow missionaries to live down that it would have been very embarrassing.

I am only sorry if a misunderstanding as to the meaning of my letter was the cause of his withdrawal. I had not intended to give the impression that the Korean Church had gone on record demanding that all new missionaries publicly assert their faith in the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch before they are made members of the presbyteries out here or are given charge of its churches. Such is not the case, although all new men are expected to declare their acceptance of the constitution and standards of the Korean Presbyterian Church before being enrolled as members of the presbytery in their station.

The action to which I referred was somewhat different. A number of articles had been published in the Church newspaper dealing with the Documentary Hypothesis of the Pentateuch and denying that Moses was the author of Genesis, other articles also on the matter of the ordination of women. These had caused a good deal of discussion in the church and as the result of overtures on the part of one or more presbyteries, the Assembly of 1934 appointed a special committee to take up these questions and prepare a reply for the Assembly. The committee was composed of 3 Koreans and 2 foreign missionaries. Of the Koreans, one was a pastor of high standing in Taiku and an ex-moderator of the Assembly, the other two were both graduates of Princeton Seminary and outstanding men. The missionaries were Dr. Stacy Roberts, president of the Seminary here and Dr. Bull, one of the strong men of the Southern Presbyterian Mission. Their report was presented at the 1935 Assembly and was adopted by the Assembly with almost unanimous vote. There were no negative votes, I think. The report was included in the

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Assembly minutes and is a long and very carefully worded one. In regard to the authorship of Genesis and the Pentateuch, it points out that those who deny the Mosaic authorship hold destructive views also in regard to the authorship and contents of other books in both the Old and New Testaments and in so doing repudiate the clear witness of many of the books of the Bible and also the evidence of the Lord, Himself. In doing this they are contrary to the first article in the Confession of Faith which declares that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and duty. This being so, those who hold such rules should be debarred from the ministry of the Church.

A number of the Korean leaders of the Church are very much concerned over the coming in of Modernism and just a few days ago one of the most influential of the ministers had a long conversation with me on the subject and presented his idea of the best way in which it might be blocked. With the very many and exceedingly difficult questions which it is now facing, the missionaries will naturally be most anxious not to introduce any further matter which will only add to the confusion and complexity of the situation.

A word in closing: On Friday, Oct. 2nd the two academies and the college were ordered out to the shrine by the authorities, as I wrote to you while I was there. Rather than be guilty of disobeying what has been declared to us by the authorities in the government General as part of the national policy, they were allowed to go, although neither Dr. Mowry [head of the boys academy and the college] nor Miss Swallen [head of the girls academy] went. It was all done very quietly and there was no disturbance of any kind. We have done everything possible to make quite clear to the authorities our convictions on the question and also that it was an issue which would have to result in the closing of our schools. That question is perfectly understood now by all concerned. Under the circumstances, the method and procedure of closing up the three schools is the next matter which confronts us and which will be the chief responsibility of the Executive Committee during the months that lie ahead. I will try and keep you informed as the matter progresses.

Very sincerely yours,

T. Stanley Soltau

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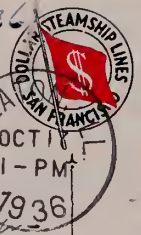


Duncan Gordon

Maetou all, Oct 16 '36

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Arrived here today -
found boys all well
my night letter took them
by a surprise.

Every thing worked out well.
Stay over Sunday. All join
in sending love. Have seen
14 Korea crowd - Am still

ON BOARD S. S. PRESIDENT

Getting along better & better
EN ROUTE TO
Father.

The Cathedral Ruins, Old Panama

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November 5, 1936

Rev. T. Stanley Soltan,
 Chungju,
 Chosen

Dear Mr. Soltan:

Thank you for your letters of September 28th, October 3rd and October 6th with its enclosures. I think it may be well for us at this end to refrain from comment upon a pressing issue unless and until we are sure that what we write would help to clarify rather than merely further agitate troubled waters. We of course look to you to continue to keep us fully advised of significant developments.

A number of actions relating to Chosen were taken by the Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Board at its meeting yesterday, November 4th and are attached herewith. A copy of the actions is being sent to the treasurer of the Mission, Mr. Gensco and an extra copy is enclosed herewith to you in case you wish to share it with any other member of the Executive Committee, for example some one in Pyongyang as that Station is affected by a number of the actions.

A personal word of comment to you on issues related to the actions:

(a) Dr. Samuel Moffett writes that he plans to return to the field about next February. Some of us frankly wonder whether, in view of all the circumstances, it might not be wise for him to retire permanently in the homeland. Will you be good enough to let me know what you think would be the best judgment of the field on this matter? Under the Board's regulation the Board, the Mission and the individual unite in determining the place of residence of a retired missionary.

(b) We are sorry to learn about Mrs. Chisholm. We hope that she recovers rapidly in the homeland. A letter from their station indicates that Dr. Chisholm "has an open mind" as to whether or not he should join the Independent Board. I should be glad to have your opinion on this particular matter.

You will regret to learn that Mrs. George McCune fell on the slippery floor of the corridor of the Presbyterian Hospital in New York last Friday, October 30th and broke her thigh just below the hip-joint. This will confine her for a considerable time; fortunately Dr. McCune happened to be in New York at the time and not away on campaign work. This reference to him leads me to inquire as to the wisdom of the return of Dr. and Mrs. McCune to Korea; their furlough would expire, I believe some time in April 1937. It is possible that Dr. McCune could be very helpfully used in promotional work, say until the fall of 1937. The Executive Council requested me yesterday to inquire of the Executive Committee of Mission regarding Dr. McCune's future service on the field; at your early convenience please advise me regarding this in a rather definite way.

Miss Lois Blair. Enclosed is a copy of a letter I am writing to Mr. Reiner regarding the field request for her appointment.

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~~Specialist delegate at Board's Centennial.~~ As this is quite a specialized matter and one on which Dr. Hodges as Secretary of the Centennial Committee was corresponding directly rather than through the Board's Secretary for the Missions, I suggested that Dr. ~~Harriet Irving~~ (who succeeded Dr. Hodges in that office) write to you and I ~~received from him this morning a copy of his letter to you of 11/15/25.~~ I would suggest your writing directly to him in reply with a carbon copy of your letter for me, if it is convenient to make one.

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Earnestly praying for you and your colleagues in Christian service during these days which are so momentous throughout the world, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

GTS:MMF

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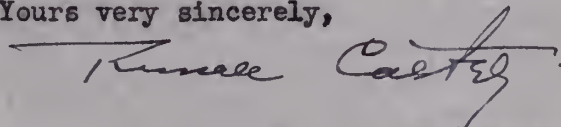
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TO THOSE CONCERNED:

Dear Friends:

We are passing on to you Certificate which has just come to us for you from the Board of Pensions covering the annuity paid to you under the Accumulations Department of the Service Pension Plan.

Yours very sincerely,



Treasurer.



No. 26

The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church, in the U. S. A.
Accumulations Department

ANNUITY CERTIFICATE — SINGLE LIFE

This certifies that.....REV. SAMUEL A. MOFFETT.....
of The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as
Annuitant), has paid to the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Pensions),
the sum of.....\$3318.44.....Dollars,
which sum is now the property of the Board of Pensions.

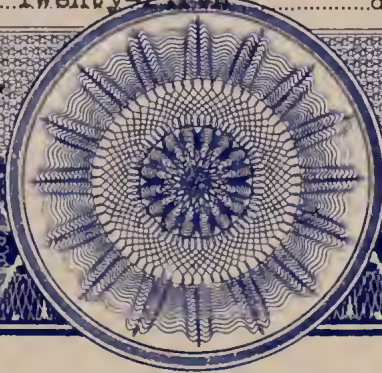
The Board of Pensions, in consideration of the said payment, hereby agrees to pay, at its office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, unto
Annuitant, an annuity of.....\$407.66.....Dollars
in equal.....monthly.....payments on the.....last.....day of ~~the month of~~ each month.....
in each year during the future lifetime of Annuitant.

All payments of annuity shall cease with the regular payment due immediately preceding the date of the death of Annuitant; provided,
however, that there shall be paid to the personal representative of Annuitant a fractional part of the regular payment proportional to the
time elapsed between the due date of the last regular payment and the date of the death of Annuitant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has caused this certificate to be executed
at its office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this.....Twenty-fifth.....day of.....January....., A. D., 19...34....

Samuel A. Muesler
General Secretary

Samuel M. ...
President



Korea Mission
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

PYENGYANG (HEIJO)
KOREA (CHOSŒN)

Nov. 15, 1936

Dear Friends,

We are sending out the enclosed Pyengyang News and I want to take the opportunity of adding just a word of X'mas greeting to you all, and of sending you some recent news.

First, I want to tell you about some wonderful things which I have just discovered as to the statistics of our work.

DURING THE LAST SIX YEARS OUR KOREAN CHURCH HERE HAS INCREASED ITS TOTAL ROLL BY 75. 5%. It seems almost unbelievable, but I have checked it and rechecked it. In 1930, the total adherents of our church numbered 194678. In 1936, the number is 341700, a clear net gain of about 147000 souls. These are not all fully converted folks, but the list includes baptized, catechumens and all. They are not mere "friends of the church", however, and the total is not just a guess. It is taken from the roll books of the congregations and the totals are made up from the 2930 churches of the country.

The baptized roll net increase (communicant) is not so large, partly because of the severe conditions laid upon all applicants, and partly because there is an "Assembly tax" laid upon all communicants which includes not only the basal essential moneys necessary to run the Assembly, but also subsidies for various Boards and other objects, and the churches try to avoid a part of the "tax" by not reporting the full real number of their communicants. Discipline is also much more severe in Korea than in other lands. Nevertheless the statistics show a NET GAIN OF 24% for the six years. The total baptized roll now is 112987. I wonder how many churches in the world in the last six years have equalled or surpassed those gains. The Lord has been wonderfully good to Korea. Many whole denominations in America, after many decades of history do not have 147000 enrolled believers, yet the Korean Church has gained that much in six years.

Most people, seeing those figures, will want to know the "secret" of this blessing of the Lord. We can give it clearly and unmistakably. Last year, of the 341700 adherents of the Church, 178313 turned aside from their daily avocations once in the year to attend an all day long six days of Bible study in a "Bible Class". This Church gives the Bible a central place in its life, the simple Bible text.

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That is all the "secret" that need be mentioned for these results, I think, but we may perhaps mention another, and that is the renewed or shall we say, continued, interest in personal soul winning. In practically every church in the country is a preaching society and usually separate ones for men and for women to raise funds and send out home or foreign missionaries or workers in nearby unevangelized villages. Personal witnessing is emphasized, and few ordained or unordained pastors can hold on long if they are not soul winners. In asking for new pastors to be called, the first question usually is not how many higher schools he has graduated from but "Is he personally a soul winner?"

In everyone of the 40 or so Bible Institutes of the country for men or for women, Personal Soul Winning is taught and emphasized as far as possible, and, in many of them, regular personal work assignments in street chapels, and on the streets and in factories and homes are made. The Theological Seminary and the Higher Bible School for women in our city have always required much of this "Practicum" work. Last year the seminary men alone brought in the names and addresses of more than 1000 people with whom they had dealt personally on the streets or in the chapels, folks who wanted to be Christians.

Few of the Seminary students go right thro to graduation in three years, nine terms. Two thirds act as "unordained pastors" in churches most of the year, taking one or two terms of study and graduating in from six to ten years. Many of these men long before their delayed graduations are skilled church and revival leaders. For some years, even during the school terms, churches have come and plead to be allowed to call out this or that man to conduct for them a week of revival and Bible study meetings. As it is such valuable ministerial training, it has been difficult to refuse, but it has upset the classes and been hard on the men. Last year any man receiving such an invitation was allowed freely to go and about half of the 110 students were out. This year a new plan is to be tried. At the Korean New Year, the seminary will close for a week and the whole Faculty and student body will scatter to 120 churches, each man to conduct evangelistic services. It will be good for the students, good for the churches, and may even help the Professors. Pray for these revivals about Feb. 11-19.

I say that this Personal Work is our second "secret". We do not mean to say that universally the Christians are soulwinners. They are far from it, but there are some in every church and community, who are testifying always to the goodness of the Lord and the power of His Gospel, and, because of them, He is "daily adding to the churches such as can be saved". These folks are proving among other things that the Gospel has not lost an atom of its power where men give it the right of way.

This week they are having a church dedication up at Wiju on the border, presenting to the Lord a great brick building with two tall square towers, a building which would ornament any American city. Each week something like 2000 people worship there. Just a little way off in that same city is the "First Church" with a congregation of something like 3000. Not a cent of American money has gone into the work of that district for 20 years. No missionary lives within 20 miles of it. The people have erected and financed their own churches and they are sending missionaries across the border into Manchuria and helping send them to China and elsewhere.

The statistics show this year just a few less than 3000 Presbyterian churches in Korea, and, as noted above, 341700 believers. Nearly 60000 children were last summer in our Daily Vacation Bible schools. The Church last year gave for all purposes over a million and a half yen for its work, what at normal exchange would be three quarters of a million dollars gold. Two yen is about the wages for three days of an unskilled laborer. Last year 191 new church buildings were erected.

Every little while in the home papers we read of someone who says that the Gospel has lost its power and that the Church is on a decline. The frog in the well thought that the sky that he could see was all the sky that existed. God's world is bigger than that, and He is working mightily with His Bible-believing folks over here. May it not be that the strong Bible emphasis of the work has much to do with what He is doing here?

Sincerely,

*A Merry Christmas to you
D. Aul.*



Princeton, New Jersey
December 7, 1999

Dear Friends:

We thought you might enjoy a Christmas letter sent to family and friends sixty-three years ago by Sam's father, who had on a few hours' notice returned to America several months earlier after 46 years as a pioneer missionary in Korea. He left Korea because of illness and because his life was threatened by a group of Japanese militants determined to impose Shinto Shrine worship upon Korean Christians. They considered Dr. Moffett to be a major hindrance in their efforts. His first four sons, Jim, Charles, Sam and Howard, had already left Korea. Only the youngest, Tom, was still with his mother in Pyengyang. Mrs. Moffett and Tom joined him several months later, in 1937. Here is the old letter: Bear in mind that when he landed in Korea in 1890, only six years after the first Protestant work was begun, there were less than 300 Protestant Christians in the whole country, north and south.

Madison, Indiana

November 15, 1936

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*A Merry Christmas to you,
Samuel Austin Moffett*

Sam's father did not live to see the Japanese attack on *Pearl Harbor* (but note the date on his letter—Dec. 7). Nor did he live to see the surrender of the Japanese and their departure from Korea in 1945. The political division of Korea north and south, which replace the Japanese in the north with an iron-fisted, cult-like, Russian-trained Marxist government, would have grieved him beyond measure, for it threatened the existence of the vibrant Christian community there as cruelly as had the Japanese militarists..

How would he write today at the dawn of a new millennium? Of one thing we are sure. He would not give up. He would grieve and pray for North Korea but would see the churches in the south growing even faster numerically than when he wrote sixty-three years ago. Presbyterians alone in South Korea have exploded from about 110,000 in 1936 to over 6 million today! And we believe he would, with us, point to one clear window of opportunity which has opened for a renewed Christian witness into devastated North Korea through the formation of *Christian Friends of Korea*, a relief agency based in Black Mountain-Montreat, North Carolina, with which Sam and I are enthusiastically involved. Please join us in prayer that CFK may faithfully share God's great love by carrying urgently-needed and welcomed medical aid and food into that troubled land.

*Merry Christmas,
Eileen and Samuel H. Moffett
Sam and Eileen*

P.S. Sam's back surgery was a great success—no sciatic pain and he's walking pain-free.

Tai'ku Brewster.

11/17/36

Dear Dr. Moffett.

May this Christmas with the boys and their new homes bring you many causes for thanksgiving in all mine you and Dr. Arison and Mrs. Arison - When L. S. Miller leaves us next month I will soon be nearly leading the procession.

Miss Shields will still shield me for a while - Nan is in Barrow Alaska - a flier took out a letter written 2 weeks after arriving there - Harriette is still in Paris improving her French - all are well here - We are glad for daily continuance of mercies - Baby is a great joy - 9 mos. + 22 lbs. of liveliness - You may not have heard of the passing of Yum Moya of Tai'ku - a splendid man - We shall miss him - Your old friend.

Henry M. Brewster
Clare St. Barrow

Miss Beverly Branch
208 Church Street
Dallas, Oregon
November 21, 1936

Samuel H. Moffett
Pyongyang, Korea

Dear Samuel:

I believe I received your name through the "St. Nicholas" magazine and I am very interested in corresponding with people in foreign countries, I would like very much to hear from you.

In order that you may have some idea to whom you are writing, I will describe myself as best I can. I am a girl about five feet six inches tall, weight about 118 pounds, have dark brown hair which has a reddish cast that is cut about half an inch below my ears. Also I am dark complexioned. I am sixteen years old and this is my third year in High School.

I have lived in the Willamette Valley, which is the largest valley in the State of Oregon, all of my life. My entire life has been spent near Dallas and at the present I live in Dallas and attend the High School there.

Oregon is one of the "Far Western States" of the United States and is bounded on the West by the Pacific Ocean, on the South by the State of California, on the North by the State of Washington, and on the East by the States of Idaho and Nevada. The city of Salem, which is about fifteen miles from here, is the capital of our State. Our Statehouse in Salem burned completely down about two years ago and at the present time a new building is being erected.

Perhaps you would like to know something about my home town. Dallas is a small city of approximately three thousand people. It is a prune center, and also is noted for its lumber industry. We have a large saw mill in which the majority of the local men are employed.

I am very anxious to hear from and would like to know something about you and your language, your school work, your home town and other interesting things about your country. I collect stamps and would like to have some from your country. In return, if you would like to have them, I would be very glad to send you some stamps from the United States.

I am not positive this will ever reach you as I believe the address is inadequate, so for that reason I would like to hear from you once to know this letter did reach you.

I sincerely hope you will give me the pleasure of hearing from you soon, as the suspense is almost unbearable.

Sincerely,

Miss Beverly Branch

Peking Dec. 13, 1935

Dear Papa and Brothers,

Last week's letters haven't come yet on account of the strike. We were hoping to get your letters before we left P. Y. but we were disappointed.

After writing our letters to you as Museden we got in a taxi and drove out to the Ming Tombs. There wasn't much to see except the yellow tiles and the beautiful carvings on one of the gates. Mother didn't think they were the same ones she had gone to before, but was not sure. On our way back we ~~stopped~~ went through the native city and stopped at a museum.

We had dinner almost as soon as we got back and then went to a Chinese bank to get some money changed. ^{The only change one \$10 = 1000 ~~Yen~~ like it. *} ^{Yen note as exchange is better in Peking & he did not} The man made us pay ^{like it. *} ^{more than he was supposed to} and wouldn't give us any small change. One of the five ^{dollar} bills was only good in Shanghai as we afterwards found out. (We had asked him especially to give us Peking money) After that we went to the station. We had already bought our tickets, that is we had gotten a man from the information booth to do it for us. ^{He} He told him it was 12, but he got me a half ticket anyway. [†] We went up to the waiting room and were quite near the gate but all of a sudden the Chinese around us all began playing football in order to get into the line and we were forced back half way ^{across} the room. [☆] Just before the gate was opened however an official who spoke English came up and took us to another gate where he let us out first. We had let the red cap take our baggage and he had gotten seats for us. It was lucky too for the train was terribly crowded. That night we didn't get much sleep because there was no third class sleeper. Our baggage was inspected about three times

I think I got about ^{not usually but almost to all night} 2 or 3 hours sleep, though mother didn't get any ^{no, I did} I believe. There were plenty of guards on the train and at the stations. ☉

We got here at 9:30 A.M. (Peking time which is an hour earlier than Tokyo time) and came up here to the College of Chinese Studies where Laura and Paul Abbott are. We have two adjoining rooms here. ~~They are probably the best in the city.~~ After dinner we went and got some small change and explored the city first by street car and then by foot. We went clear out to Hsi Chih Men by street car and then back to Datamen street where we walked to about a block away from here when we decided we couldn't find this place and got in a ricksha.

When we got back we bought a map of the city ^{for} for a dollar and found out that a party of four ^{min students} was going to the Great Wall the next day and we decided to go with them. We were called at 6:00 A.M. and had breakfast at six thirty. We left for the station at about 7:30. The train trip to the wall took about two hours and a half. Mother got a chair to go to the wall from the station. The rest of us walked. Mother didn't go very far ~~on~~ the wall but the four men and I went quite a distance. It sure is a huge thing 25 ft. at the base and 15 ft. at the top, 2,000 years old and ~~2,500~~ ^{2,500} mi long. Parts of it look as if the outside had been renewed. ☉

The men had been planning to go on foot to Nanhai which is about ten miles and there take the train so mother took a donkey and we started off. I got on the donkey a few times. ~~For~~ We had lunch on the way and didn't hurry very much but when we were about five miles away we began to realize that it was ^{necessary} necessary. The ~~next~~ train left at 3:20 and the next one was at

about five in the morning. The donkey man began to hurry the donkey up and we made ~~some~~ good time but when we were almost there we were stopped by the soldiers. No one knew what for. They finally let us go however. We had ~~then~~ hardly any hope but we kept on ~~and finally got to~~ ~~the station~~. We got to the station at 3:25 and ^{we} were ~~there~~ when our train came in. It had been delayed. We got here about 5:00 and went right down town to get me a diary. I sure did sleep well that night.

Lovingly
Tom.

* Since a man from the college was to meet us at the station it didn't matter about change. He can carry our own luggage, too, if necessary. That gives me the confidence of 1,000,000 in 20 sen pieces.

He naively said "Better tell the conductor boy eleven. I did tell the official who saved us & took up our 1 1/2 tickets at the gate that he was twelve. He laughed and said "All right." Tom came half fare from Mukden. Full fare is 423¹⁰ from P. Y. & Peiping but we are paying 4 Mex. per day for board though expecting a reduction. He has a separate table which makes a tremendous difference & me, silly though it seems & unfortunate for Tom, & the food is carefully planned for students, many different kinds of vegetables, fruit etc.

☆ I was discoursing to Tom on the value of discipline & order and a Chinaman in front of me

turned around and sadly nodded his head. There are many sad faces in this land.

How relieved we were to follow law and order so plainly personified by that Japanese official and get out of the turmoil.

≠ All four of the men students are first year language students, only out from England five months. I was so glad to have Tom with them.

○ He did not know it until after starting. Of course we could have taken an earlier train home or I could have come alone and let Tom hike.

Dearest Sambo,

Will you send this to the boys. They will send theirs to you. Tommie told the story so fully, I just put in a few remarks in a letter to the boys. Will you send them, too, the Mukden letter if it is delayed till after they leave. Soon you will be together again, perhaps all of you!

The Foreign School is near here. Tom may see some Christmas exercises after all. This morning there was no S. S. They were rehearsing for a pageant to be given at this afternoon's service.

No letters yet for last week. How precious a family is!

Peking
Dec. 20, 1936

Dear Papa,

How are you getting along now, and when will you be back? I found doesn't seem as if it was only five days until Xmas. I don't know what we'll do on Christmas day. You people will probably be having lots of fun. I do hope Jamie and Charles and Marion will be there.

Thursday morning we left at about 8:30 for the Temple of Heaven in Peking, entering the outer enclosure by the Northwest Gate as the Emperor used to do. However we went through the northwest gate of the inner enclosure too instead of going to the south gate. A short time after going through the gate we passed the Hall of Abstinence where the Emperor fasted the night before the ceremony. ^(this was closed) We then turned south and passed through a gate in a wall dividing the Temple in two sections, north and south. We then came to the North Gate of the Altar but since the Emperor had come from the south we went through and started from there. It was much more beautiful from the south as the beautiful blue tiled roof of the Hall of Annual Prayers is seen in the background. The Altar is arranged in three terraces of white marble with three flights of steps each flight with nine steps. In the center of the upper terrace is a circular slab of marble, surrounded by nine smaller ones then eighteen and so on until in the outer circle are 81 slabs which is the Chinese lucky number. In the southeast corner of the enclosure in which the altar is are eight large bronze vessels for burning the offerings of silk and also a large green porcelain stove for burning the whole offering.

After this we passed out of the northern gate of the altar and came to the Temple of the God of the Universe where were placed the tablets of Heaven and those to the

Imperial Ancestors were kept at the time of the Great Sacrifice.

We left this by the same gate and went around it to the raised marble causeway leading to the "Hall of Annual Prayers," a triple roofed circular building 90 feet high, standing on a marble terrace. The pinnacle shaped dome is covered with beautiful blue enameled tiles, while the ball at the top is thickly gilded with gold leaf. It is the most beautiful and striking building in the park and is therefore often wrongly called the Temple of Heaven. This building is quite modern as it was struck by lightning in 1884 and burnt to the ground. It took ten years to rebuild. We could not get into the Hall of Imperial Heaven or the covered-in passage way so went home. I think it is the most beautiful thing we have seen yet. In our way home we left my watch to be fixed and bought another one for \$9.50 (Mex).

In the afternoon we went to Pei Hai by street car and solved the mystery of carfare. We knew where to get off but I'm afraid would never have found the lake if we had not seen another party of skaters and gone with them. It cost \$1 a person. I skated for about an hour and then we came home.

Friday morning we read until about ten when we took our lunches and went out to the Winter Palace in Pei Hai Park. We went in by the North Entrance but since our Guide Book started from the south we walked through to the south entrance. There we discovered that the circular City, in which are the Jade Vase, Bowl and the Jade Buddha, is outside the park. We went outside and saw them both. The Jade Bowl is wonderfully carved and stands in an open kiosk in the courtyard. The Jade Buddha cost 40¢ to see but was well worth while. We again entered the park and ascended many flights of steps and past many buildings all with the yellow tiled roofs of

royalty. Just in front of the south face of the White Pagoda is a two storied building pavilion in the upper story of which is one of the gods of the Mongols, a fierce looking thing, with 7 heads, 34 hands, and 16 feet. The mound on which the pagoda stands was built by Kublai Khan but the pagoda was built ~~by~~ to commemorate the first visit of Halaï Lama to China. We had our lunch in a sheltered place and then I went skating for a while and then we came home.

On Saturday we went to the Central Park the Tai Miao and the Observatory but mother is telling about them.

Lovingly
~~Tom~~
Tom.

P.S. Please send this on to Brothers.

Dearest Husband,

House-tand is the word. See how it falls & pieces when you leave.

Both our colds are better. Laura and Paul have left for Pyeny yay & spend Christmas now so they would get better. We missed seeing much of young Charles Richard but he is a fine child & Laura an exceedingly pretty young woman.

In the lobby is such a pretty little Christmas tree, electrically lighted but not too much. The room was dark but for that as we passed through & Sunday night cafeteria supper - French fried lotus & lots of other good things - yet this does not & can not seem like a real Christmas. It is lots of fun & lots of benefit but -

The Christmas play given by the children of the American School in the auditorium of the P. U. M. C. was very creditable - beautiful costumes. The "Ghost Story" was the same as "Yes, George" given by the P. Y. F. S. Howard will remember it. The auditorium is quite large & was crowded, people standing.

Such excitement as we felt the afternoon. Mrs. Cowrie phoned mail for us had gone there! So Tom piled into a ricksha & set out to get it. He thought of course only of Madison or Wheaton. It was a letter from Mrs. Engel with a quaint card I will enclose for you.

She says "Long live the King."

I say "Long live Sambo."

With a heart full of love,

Lucia Hester.

Peking Dec. 23.

Dearest Sambo,

The last two days have been busy ones and without wind. There is a perfect Christmas tree growing in the courtyard which they wired & lighted last night. Christmas comes on apace, yet we had a nice picnic & day outdoors yesterday beside the Nan Hai & Chung Hai.

Poor Kuang Hsi, the child whom the Empress Dowager had brought to the palace despite his tears & protests, when he was only nine years old, & then treated so harshly when he patronized reforms! The mass of buildings on the island in Nan Hai gave him plenty of room when he was shut up there & the rockeries and pavilions made me want to stay & try more of the views but how he must have felt when the old body finally promulgated the very laws he had

been sent there for advocating.

We ate lunch beside a tablet which proclaimed the trees above us were the Man-character Willow which would live forever. But the inscription on the back of the same stone said it had been blown down & was to be replanted at once. The trees above us were young pines that showed no sign of uniting above the stone.

Chi'en Lung's "Fruitful Garden" too seemed somewhat of a misnomer. I loved it & would like one near home but it was wholly stone except for big trees enough to give shade - a stone path, dry stone pond, mortared stones in odd shapes everywhere.

By the Middle Lake is the palace the Empress Dowager preferred to the Forbidden

City but I think they are in use now. We were not allowed to enter & all we saw in the "Hall of Purple Effulgence" as we peered through some broken paper was a hatrack & screen. It was from there Kang Hsi & Ch'ien Lung used to watch the ^{Mongol} archers & we saw China's soldiers drilling out in front.

The Temple of Ten Thousand Virtues" on the east side of the lake, I hope you had time to see. Without the Buddhas, & the frightful Dragon Kings in the out buildings, it would be a perfect place to worship. There we had a chance to distinguish the different Lohans. You remember the ones - with the blue cloud screen behind them.

He walked across the lake on the ice & Kwang Hsi could have done it too if he had not been very effectively guarded.

Tom finished the day with an hour's skating. It did not bother him at all that he was the only foreigner by there.

He conducts all negotiations, too, with street car conductors etc. Yesterday the conductor was not pleased apparently so Tom gave him more - It proved that he didn't want to have to change so large a piece as the first 20¢. Usually both of us ride for 5¢ ^{12 1/2¢ piece} but there are four different colored tickets for rides of various lengths. They do not punch tickets but tear them & the final effect is a fringe.

Monday we went to the "Dog Temple". The "dog", celestial dog we must call him, belonged to a deity who healed all sorts of diseases, so the dog was appealed to by owners of ailing dogs. We know he healed them for the room is crammed

full of brass tablets & rag streamers of various kinds ^{which} show the gratitude of beneficiaries. A marble outside marks the spot on Hatamen St. where a dragon lighted & caused a terrible flood. The owner of the "celestial dog," Erh Lang, came along, hit the dragon, & the waters subsided. Of course he has a temple there.

Tom is telling about the afternoon at places everybody has to see - the Hall of Classics, Confucian Temple & Lama Temple. Soldiers are drilling everywhere. There was a company in the open space before the Hall of Classics.

I wish they would put the five hundred lama priests in the forefront of battle. They show absolutely no reverence or sense of decorum in what they call their services, but laugh among themselves or are evidently acting with one eye on the audience. Yet they have three hundred

little boys to train in their footsteps!
How much there is for Christians to do.

Dear Santa Claus, good night and may
the season bring you greatest joys and
the New year bring you home.

With a heart full of love and all the
best wishes of the time for all you love,
Affectionately,
Lucia.

I am a little worried about Howard, did
you guess it? He is evidently very tired & longs
for a real rest. I know from experience such
feelings are a warning it is best to heed.

Sam, too, was not in good shape quite at the
beginning of the year - C physically in that test.
Tom seems well. He pleased me so today by remarking
"We are havin' a keen time in this old city." He
had been working out a trip for tomorrow on

the map so we can go by street car instead of
ricksha & avoid covering streets we know.

Love - L.

Trade with the boys if you will. He are terribly
informative but it may recall your old expeditions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I wish I knew something you would like. He
did buy you two stout leather straps.

Love - L.

It is awfully lonely without you especially
at Christmas time.

Lovingly
Tom.



Peking China
Dec. 27, 1936

Dear Papa,

Your letter and Brother's arrived
Thursday and ^{we} are eagerly waiting for
the letters ~~from~~ about Thanksgiving.

Thursday morning they had a Christmas
celebration for the servants. All sixty five
of them came to the dining room and sang a
hymn then they prayed and then were each
given a ^{red} envelope containing two dollars which
had been given by the students and guests
in the Hostel.

In the afternoon we set out about one o'clock
for the National ~~Museum~~ ^{Library} by streetcar. The
streetcar went way around but in the long
run brought us almost to the Library. It is
quite a large building of Chinese style but with ^{modern}

improvements. There ~~was~~ an exhibition of paintings and some pictures of Chinese plays. We didn't see it but the largest book in the world is in this building. It has 36,000 volumes. We then walked to Coal Hill where we got a very good view of the Forbidden City. We then walked up to the street car and came home.

On Christmas day I had a little fever so stayed in bed. Mother gave me some puzzles and two dollars and I gave her part of a watch. You gave the other part, so mother says. I stayed in bed Saturday too, but got up this morning in time to go to lunch.

Lovingly
Tom.

We were really tired and didn't mind the rest a bit. Mrs. Pettus (the president's wife) brought us some nice books. Tom's fever went down as soon as he

stayed in bed so we did not worry.

You do not approve of cheap watches
but I haven't bought Eleanora's ^{but} yet
and as the yen is going down do not
want to cash my second draft if not
necessary so the watch cost \$9⁰⁰. We take
it back for repair tomorrow & once more I
know you are right.

Love, dear Sambo, and a happy New Year.
The nice thing the community does is to ar-
range for visits to those in the hospital.

Now you know how late that Honolulu letter
was but it did at last arrive.

Don't you forget Mrs. Lee is just right about
rest and recuperation. We are so happy that
you are careful and are better. Even yet I don't
quite dare think about your homecoming but
three months at any rate are past.

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The owner & editor of the *Pipins Chronicle* is very nice to British students, tells them to consider themselves quite at home in his house. As they go out into the country, probably, he keeps in touch with them.

* YDF = Your dear Father

Peppins

Dec. 27, 1936.

Dearest Boys,

Your precious letters came just the day before Christmas with * YDF's forwarded by that faithful Aunt. They were better than dozens of nice "things" as gifts. He gobbled them on Thursday but on Christmas could sit down and thoroughly enjoy them two or three times. Such good letters!

I don't think Cousin Emma heard from you at all after you left. You told her you wrote, didn't you?

He laughed as over Howard's fitting the coach as Sam told it. Both coach and team were pretty decent about that one excuse.

102 sounds to us like an entirely satis.

factory grade, Summit, and with the other
100 continues to show you have a feelin' for
the ancients & begin to see on what modern
events are built.

Sunday night supper is cafeteria style
& a girl who has been teaching in the Foreign
School in the Himalayas sat down at our
table with her plate. There are about 400
mostly Americans in the school. They study
in summer & have the long vacations in
winter when they can be in the plains'
stations with their parents. From the
school, or just above it, one can see
the Ganges & the Jumna. She came yes-
terday from Nanking where they have been
under martial law during this crisis with
the rebels & Chiang Kai Shek's imprisonment.
No public meetings, no one allowed on the
streets after midnight. Peking has been

Even Singapore people
and children there.

tense & when these language students
breathed a very audible sigh of relief
when announcement was made at
dinner that he was released. Chang
Hsueh Liang who imprisoned him,
you know, is the son of Mukden's warlord
Chang Tsao Lin we used to hear so much about.
He is apparently communistic & fortunately
for China isn't getting much sympathy.

Did you see in the paper anything about
a Prof. Kennard who was refused admission
to Japan because of a peace paper, the Graphic,
he had in Tokyo & of some ~~sort~~ alleged
communistic contacts in America? He
is here in the language school studying
with an idea of remaining in China.

He owns property in Japan, not a lease, &
says the law does not forbid foreigners to

Lots of the students have gone for the vacation & the hotel in the Western Hills. It's evidently jolly there.

own property except those from states like California which forbid Japanese ownership of land.

Tom has written to G. F. about our brief explorations since last letter. Isn't the view from Coal Hill worth the climb! We are getting so we can pick out a number of buildings in the Forbidden City & Mrs. Pettus (Perry's wife) says the view from the hill shows the longest straight planned axis (4 1/2 mi.) of any city in the world - from the Bell & Drum Towers straight south through the center of the large ceremonial buildings of the emperors & the gr series of great gates & the ^{entrance of the} Temple of Heaven.

Lots & lots of Love and Happy New Year
some more.

Send this to G. F. & get Tom's from him.

The Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Pyongyang, Korea.

December 6, 1936

Dr. Samuel A. Moffett
Care of Presby. Foreign Board
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Dr. Moffett:

While it has been a great privilege and pleasure for us to return to Pyongyang and to continue our work here after furlough, it comes home to us almost everyday what a difference there is, and what a loss there is in your absence. It is our sincere and urgent desire that you will soon enjoy a full recovery of health and be on your way back to Pyongyang.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that while you were here and during our first term of missionary work we took a great deal for granted and never really had opportunity to express some of our feelings to you; but that you have meant more by way of inspiration and encouragement to me for Christian service than it would ever occur to you to think. Not only for substantial financial assistance in our Club work; for generous time and advice given to me; but also for your unselfish personal interest expressed towards one who was new and very insufficient for the work.

Of course our problem is always with us this year and up to the present we do not see clear to the end of it all, but in the meantime things do seem to be proceeding along the time that was determined before you left us.. The attitude of many of our brethren has greatly strengthened, it is my personal conviction.

While the assignment for teaching in the Seminary is temporary and I am quite conscious of my shortcomings and the shortcomings of a beginner, I must say that the work is highly gratifying and a great privilege. With the work of the Bible Clubs continuing it keeps me quite busy.

Faithfully yours,

Francis Kusler

